

Roots Writers and Social Media Critique Group

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Welcome to Roots Writers and Social Media Critique Group! This group is about supporting a writer's journey from first page to publication, learning online marketing, etc. However, what makes us different than other writing groups is this: *Our primary objective is returning to the roots of why we write as Christians.* We are not a typical writers group, but more like your church's small group with a focus on making disciples of our readers.

Being a member includes:

- Prayer support
- Critiquing
- Helping each other find writing tips and resources
- Helping each other redeem social media to not only market, but also use it to make disciples as we come into contact with our readers.

We also advertise other writer's groups that are fee-based and their events to encourage each of us to branch out and write and network better.

Our group members have access to blog on any subject at rootswriters.cafe and are responsible for their own content. The blog is for them to make their mistakes and learn about best ways to create content online. All blogs posted are critiqued at meetings.

When you attend a Roots meeting, you can choose to have a piece critiqued.

Here are the guidelines to help you prepare for a Roots meeting and get a critique:

- You may bring only one piece to critique.
- Your novel or book can be entirely critiqued in one year, based on an 80,000 word novel. Each month we will set a **6,670 word** limit that you can get critiqued. You must be present for your work to be critiqued. This word count is set for articles and short pieces as well.
- Print four to six copies of your work to hand out to everyone in the group on the day of the meeting. It is okay if you forget and only bring one copy. We will still critique. If making copies is a hardship for you, please advise the group.

What you can also bring with you:

- If you read something about writing that you want to share with the group, please bring copies for everyone. Be prepared to share ten minutes about it.
- If you read something about marketing or discipleship (online or face-to-face) that you wish to share with the group, please bring copies for everyone. Be prepared to share ten minutes on it.

"There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed." — Ernest Hemingway

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