HOW TO WRITE A BOOK WITHOUT GETTING STUCK

BRAINSTORM:

- SHORT BLURB (LOGLINE)
- SYNOPSIS (BOOK BLURB)
- CHARACTER JOURNEY OUTLINE
- BEAT SHEET (SAVE THE CAT)

- SCENE-BY-SCENE BREAKDOWN
- TITLE AND DETAILS

OUTLINE:

- SCENE BREAKDOWN:
 - EX: INT. STELLA'S BEDROOM DAY
 - 3 SENTENCES THAT SUMMARIZE THE SET UP, PLOT, ACTION,

AND INTERNAL JOURNEY THIS SCENE CONTAINS

NOTE: MAKE SURE YOU HIT ALL YOUR BEAT SHEET BEATS FOR PLOT
AND CHARACTER JOURNEY

WRITE!

- KEEP TRACK OF DAILY WORD COUNT IF IT IS HELPFUL TO YOU
- TRY SPRINTS!
- RETURN TO YOUR OUTLINE IF YOU FEEL STUCK

• APPS:

- WORDTRACKER
- CARDBEAT

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CHARACTER JOURNEY CHECKLIST

KEY POINTS:

- WHAT FALSE BELIEF DOES YOUR CHARACTER HAVE, AND HOW IT WILL CHANGE BY THE END OF THE STORY?
- WHAT DOES YOUR CHARACTER THINK THEY WANT, AND WHAT DO THEY REALLY WANT?
- WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR CHARACTER'S

LIFE TO MAKE THEM THE WAY THEY ARE? HOW DOES IT RELATE TO YOUR STORY?

- HOW DOES YOUR PLOT PUSH YOUR CHARACTER INTO GROWING/CHANGING THEIR MINDSET BY THE END?
- STRENGTHS? WEAKNESSES? MOTIVATIONS?
- WHY DOES YOUR CHARACTER BELIEVE THIS LIE THEY TELL THEMSELF? (FALSE BELIEF) AND WHAT CHANGES?

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