Blogging for Authors And Writers

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Adventures in Writing, Publishing and Book Marketing



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What is a blog anyway?

"A blog is a website with special powers"

Yaro Starak, 6 figure professional blogger Entrepreneur's Journey.com

"A blog is a loyalty generator"

Chris Garrett, ChrisG.com, co-author of Problogger, the

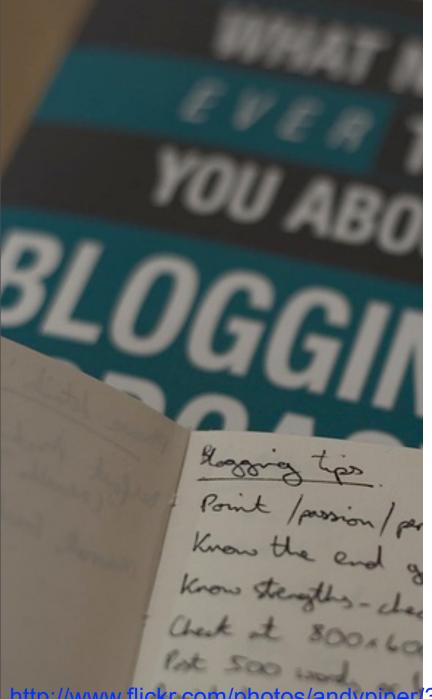
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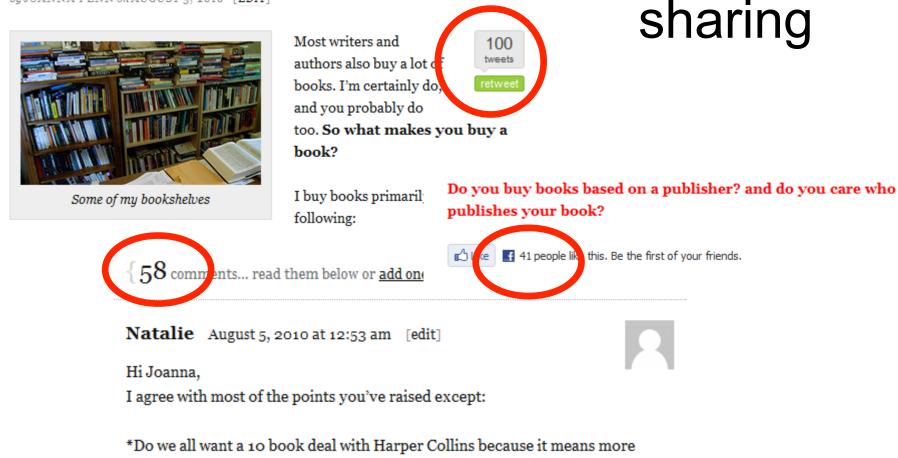
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		<u>10 essentials</u> I was reading a series in GQ called 10 Essentials where a designer or stylish are essential to them. I love the idea, but the lists seem like such tributes to luxury consume would interview	
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People Don't Buy Books Based On The Publisher

by JOANNA PENN on AUGUST 5, 2010 [EDIT]



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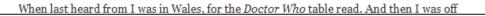
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A Spectrum of Stuff

POSTED BY NEIL AT 7:01 AM

Let's see if this works...

Tweets



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I DON'T want to see in your proposal, "I am willing to start a blog and join social networks to market myself."

I DO want to see: "I've been blogging for a year, with my readership growing steadily. I use Facebook and Twitter to create relationships with potential future readers of my books, and to drive people back to my blog. I'm currently making contact through the blog and social networks with several hundred (or several thousand) people a day."

It doesn't cost money. It doesn't require special skills, besides the ones you already have: those of being a writer. What it DOES take is time. Marketing yourself as an author will cost you a serious investment of time.



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Connection to other writers and bloggers

Bloggers are a powerful community

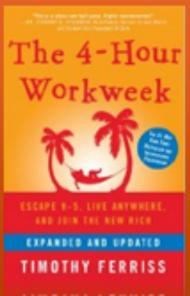
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The conclusion, in retrospect, is simple... It all came down to learning how to spread a "<u>meme</u>", an idea virus that captures imaginations and takes on a life of its own.

http://www.fourhourworkweek.com/blog/ 2007/08/06/how-does-a-bestseller-happena-case-study-in-hitting-1-on-the-new-yorktimes/



- * Go where bloggers go
- * Be there with a message and a story that will appeal to their interests, not yours
- * Build and maintain those relationships through your own blog too

Watch Tim's launch of "The 4 Hour Body" out Dec 14th, already #1 on Amazon

Writing Practice

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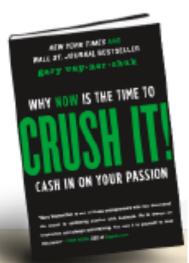
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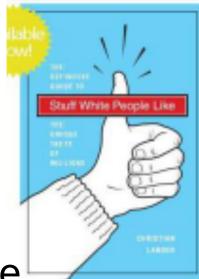
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Gary Vaynerchuk's 10 book deal with Harper Collins after his video blog, Wine Library TV took off

Blog "Stuff white people like" gets book deal





Julie & Julia, the book and the movie stem from "Julie & Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen" which came from Julia Powell's blog

Types of blog posts

Know what you want to achieve. Know your target market.



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- How To posts
- List article
- Opinion post
- Video post
- Podcast/ audio interview
- Text based interview
- Product or book review
- Lessons learned post
- Report on an event or seminar
- Original writing e.g. Short story
- Your own press releases and book promotion!



Consume. Produce

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Does Alcohol Help Or Hurt Your Writing?

by JOANNA PENN on JANUARY 27, 2010 [EDIT]

I'm putting it out there on this post with some personal information and opinions. It might also be controversial or confronting for some people. But bloggers need to be true to themselves and their ideas, so here goes.



Engagement with audience. Comments, sharing.



I spent last weekend suffering after too many drinks on Frid wiped my weekend and I didr done. I like a glass of wine but on it, and I was very angry wi too far. I have a lot to do at th that time.

I don't drink to excess ve nowadays but in my 20s in l had a drinking problem. It wa

Publisher Simon & Schuster Says Authors Should Blog and Social Network

by JOANNA PENN on FEBRUARY 22, 2010 [EDIT]

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The source for corporate information and B2B resources for Booksellers, Media, Authors, Partners, Vendors, and more...

Megapublisher Simon & Schuster



have recently relaunched their website. It has loads of interesting things for

45 comments... read them below or add one

Ami Mattison January 27, 2010 at 5:06 am [edit]

Great topic! I'm a recovering alcoholic. Drinking alcohol made not-

What are your thoughts on this? Does it change your view of selfpublishing/being an indie author?

authors and readers, but what is particularly of note to me is the Author Resources section.



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Standing out in a crowded market

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 Use your personality.
 Connection with audience is key. Stand out.

- Use images on every post please
- Use multi-media. Text is totally saturated but audio and video are not





- <u>Video search is growing</u> and you want to be found
- Google voice recognition and <u>auto-</u> <u>captioning</u> means search will soon be even better
- <u>Drives traffic</u> to your main site, or can be the basis of the site – like Gary Vaynerchuk
- <u>Demographics</u> may surprise you not just teens. My YouTube viewers are aged 45-64



Human connection through non verbal communication

Authors/writers are shy and so you can stand out in the crowd.

Writing, Blogging And Authenticity With Justine Musk, The Tribal Writer

by JOANNA PENN on NOVEMBER 25, 2010 [EDIT]



Podcast: Download (Duration: 27:00 - 12.7MB)

Some writing you just resonate with, and I am a huge fan of TribalWriter.com Justine Musk who joins me on the show today to talk about writing, blogging and authenticity.





Justine Musk is the author of dark urban fantasy novels, Lord of Bones, Blood Angel and Uninvited. She is also a blogger at the brilliant TribalWriter.com as well as being a Mom to 5 sons.(Video at the end of the post)

In this podcast you will learn:

Combine multi-media posts

30 minute interview with an author becomes an **audio podcast** that goes out on iTunes and is embedded into the blog.

PLUS/ a **10 min video** on YouTube of the best edited sections.

PLUS/ a text post on the blog with the audio and video embedded

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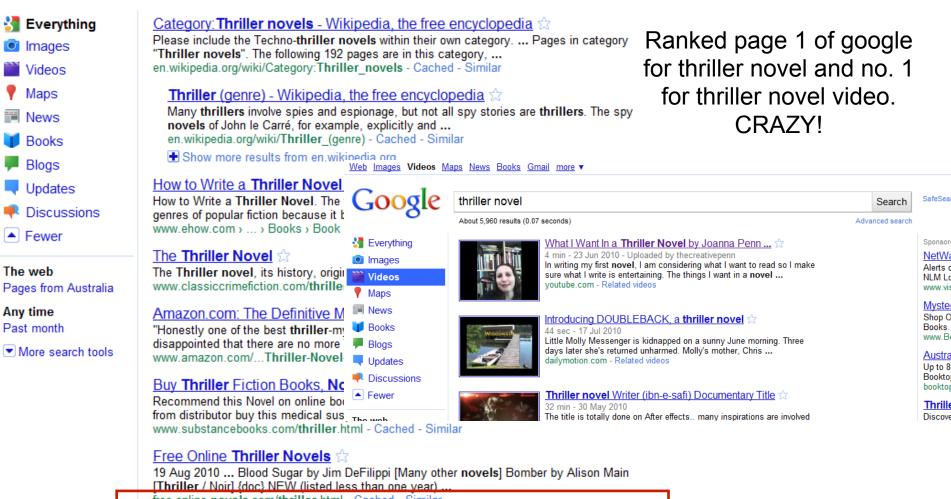
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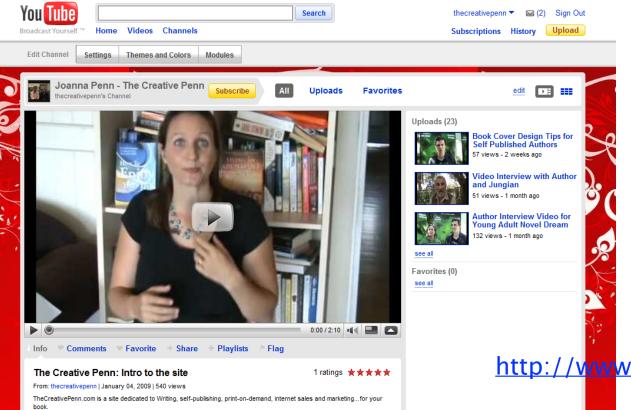
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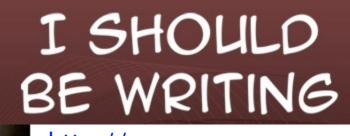
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Relationship Building with Authors, Bloggers, Marketers and others in your niche

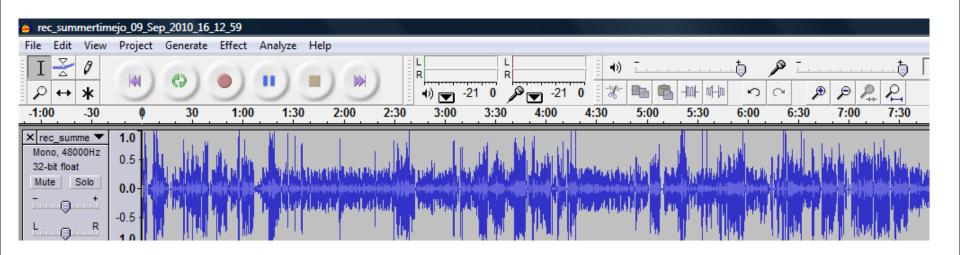
Relationship Building with your audience (they hear your voice)

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Viral effect of referrals/ word-ofmouth



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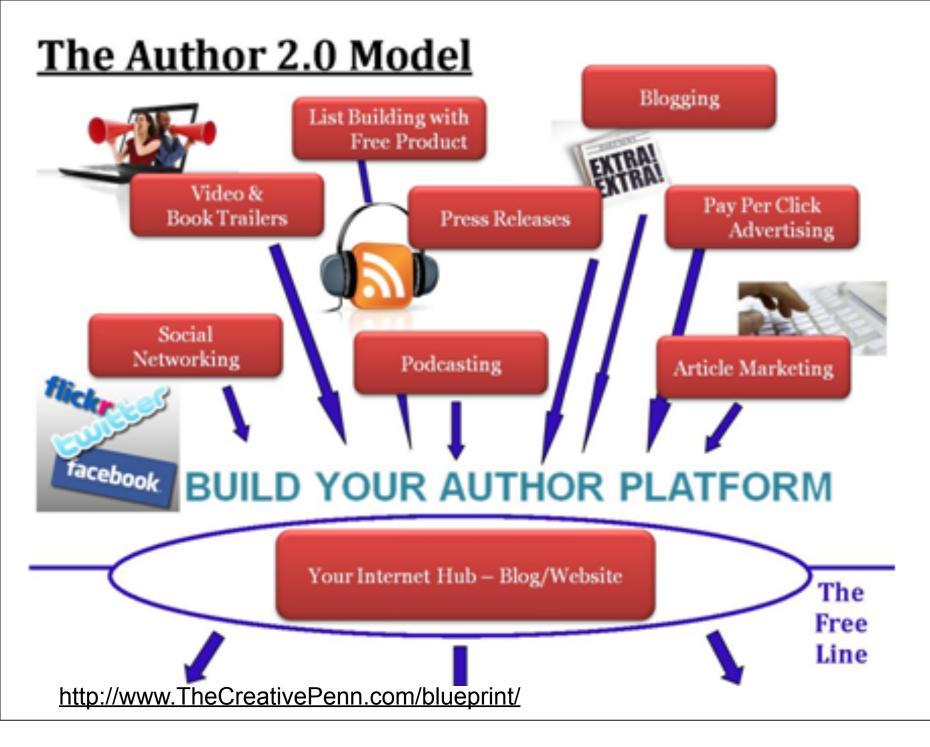


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How do you get traffic to your blog?

Centralised hub linked to by other sites

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What is the best use of time and resources?

What is fun and sustainable?



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- Self-employed , entrepreneurs
- Used on mobile devices
- 51% earn over \$60k

Twitter 101 for Business

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I spoke to over 40 different people from various industries and blogs about *Linchpin*. I was given a warm reception by artists, business blogs, marketing sites, brand innovation sites, and creative blogs. It was a blast. My interaction with them reminds me that the online world is quickly becoming even more human and connected everyday. The page summarizing all of the links is right here.

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- Write appropriate and original guest posts
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Making money from your blog



"Writing books is a terrible revenue model for authors"

Tim Ferriss, author of "The Four Hour Work Week"

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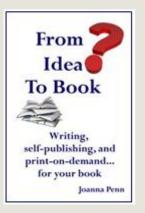






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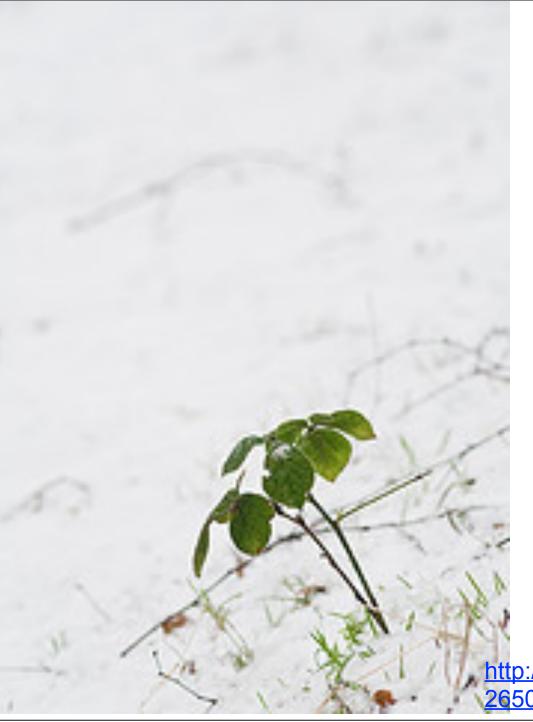
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