

My Writing Process

- Think about what I need to write. Think in my sleep, while driving, while cleaning, etc.
- Eventually I get the guts to start writing. Sit at my computer and agonize over my first sentence.
- Get frustrated and push myself to just start writing. Write and write without letting myself look back. Just get the ideas down.
- At some point, usually when I'm not sure where I'm going next, I do go back and re-read. I immediately start to make changes to what I've written.
- If I still don't know where I'm going next I step away from the computer. Sometimes I take notes or I just keep thinking.
- Return to writing. Push on. Get a draft finished. Revise on the computer, often cutting and pasting to reorganize.
- Have somebody, usually my husband, read it. Get mad at him when he finds fault!
- Think about his suggestions and I go back to write more and make changes.
- Continue this process until I'm as close to done as I can get.