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### **Quote Of The email**

“The chief glory of every people arises from its authors.” - Samuel Johnson

<http://www.worldofquotes.com/topic/Literature>

### **Editorial**

Happy New Year!

A new feature has been added to the Share Your Novel website in the New Year - a forum. This is to promote the sharing of ideas and making friends part of the website's philosophy. Check it out at <http://www.shareyournovel.com/forum>

Share Your Novel now has thirteen signed up members. However, I'm having a few problems with members signing up, I then send them five chapters (of other members) to review, then I never hear from them again. This means that other novelists are not getting their five reviews and I'm also sending the chapters of the bogus members and get reviews back for them (which are now useless).

I'm looking for ideas. One idea would be for review to be done on a voluntary basis; but that would mean that some novelists would receive a glut of reviews, whereas others may receive none, or just one or two. The original idea was that everyone would receive (and give) five reviews - that's fair, but it's not working. Does anyone have any ideas?

I've stumbled upon a website (or is it a blog?) that gives details about various POD companies. It might have useful information for anyone who is looking for the best POD company. Note, the views of that blog are not necessarily my views. Visit

<http://poddymouth.wordpress.com/2008/01/18/self-publishing-pod-industry-reputations/>

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**This month's article –**

Write As If There's No Tomorrow

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"If thou art a writer, write as if thy time is short, for it is indeed short at the longest."

-- Henry David Thoreau

Three years ago, I asked in a survey for writers: If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do today?

One wrote that she'd spend her time writing to her loved ones. Another said he'd write "one hell of a killer love story and dedicate it: 'With much love... you know who you are.'"

And another wrote, "I will write my ideas in mathematical form. I have a great deal of phenomenal theories in Physics and Mathematics that I have never told anyone. I would spend my last night pushing my academic prowess to the limit."

And this one from a fellow named Joe, who threw the question back to me -- If you are going to die tomorrow, how about writing your own epitaph? "I came, I saw, I wrote all about it."

In one way or another, all of the writers who responded to the question said they would spend at least a time of their remaining day doing something that resembled writing.

When writing gets in your blood, it stays there. Once you start your affair with the written word, you're stuck with it, like it or not. You can choose to ignore it, or you can choose to acknowledge it as part of who you are.

Life is too short for us writers, and the stories waiting to be told and written are not going to be written quickly enough. What we can do is write as much as we can.

Writing doesn't wait. You shouldn't too. Write now. Write today as if there's no tomorrow.

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