



What Should I Write About

Starting a book often feels like the hardest part. You might have too many ideas, not enough ideas, or a vague sense of something you want to say but no clear shape yet. This page is simply here to help you get moving.

Begin With What Pulls You In

Most good writing starts with curiosity. Not a grand theme or a perfect plot, just something you keep thinking about.

Ask yourself:

- What do I enjoy reading
- What topics or moments stay with me
- What kind of story or subject would I happily spend months with

If an idea keeps nudging you, that's usually a sign.

“Write What You Know” — Gently

You don't need to limit yourself to your own life, but your experiences, interests, and observations are a great starting point.

Think about:

- places you understand
- jobs you've done
- people you've met
- situations you've lived through

These details give your writing texture and confidence, even if the story itself is fictional.

But Don't Wait for the Perfect Idea

Many writers get stuck waiting for a lightning-bolt concept. In reality, most books begin as something small such as a character, a question, a memory, a scene. You don't need the whole book. You just need *somewhere* to start.

The Most Important Step: Just Write

Sometimes the only way to discover what you should write about is to begin writing anything at all. A paragraph. A scene. A description. A thought.

Momentum creates clarity. Once you're moving, the idea often reveals itself.

A Simple Exercise

Pick one of these and write for ten minutes:

- a moment you remember vividly
- a character who interests you
- a question you can't shake
- a place you know well
- a situation you've always wondered about

Don't judge it. Don't plan it. Just write and see what appears.

What Happens Next

If the idea still feels alive after a few sessions, you've found something worth exploring. If not, you haven't failed, you've simply cleared space for the next idea to arrive.

Keep a Notebook — Ideas Don't Arrive on Schedule

One of the simplest habits you can build is keeping a small notebook (or a notes app) for every stray thought, image, sentence, or idea that crosses your mind. It doesn't matter whether it's a single word or a full paragraph, capture it.

Most ideas don't become books immediately. Some sit quietly for years. But that one sketch, that odd line, that half-formed thought might turn out to be the seed of something important. Musicians often rediscover a forgotten riff they wrote decades earlier and realise it's the missing piece of a new song. Writers are no different.

Collect everything. You never know what will matter later.

Just write.