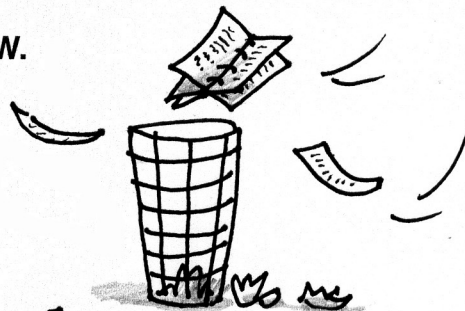


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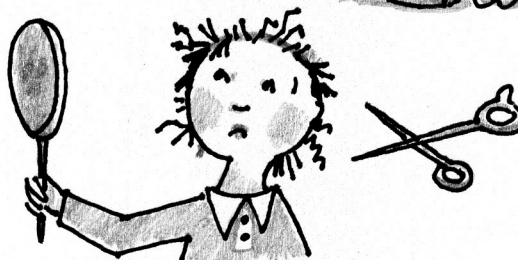
1. **START** writing a book (or play or movie or opera) NOW.



2. **Do NOT Quit.**
Even if someone throws your masterpiece in the trash.



3. **Become a DETECTIVE.**
Look for ideas everywhere.



4. **BEGIN** with a **PROBLEM.**
(Remember your worst haircut? That's a story.)

5. **Send** your character on a **JOURNEY.**
Or, bring a **STRANGER** to town.

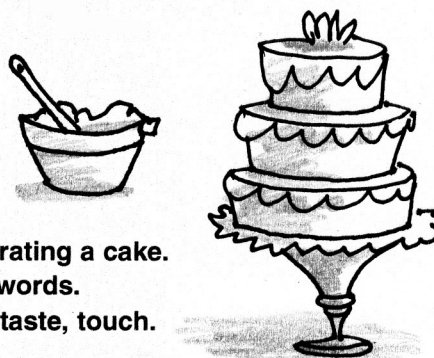


6. **Write** your first draft **FAST & MESSY.**
Concentrate on the story only.
Keep throwing problems at your main character.

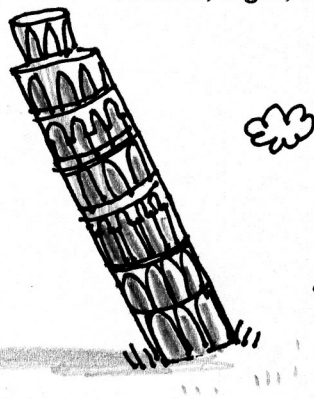
7. **SILENCE** your Inner Critic.



8. **FROST THE CAKE.**
Rewriting is like decorating a cake.
Focus on the words.
Sounds, sight, smell, taste, touch.



9. **GIVE** your work away.



10. Always remember the **LEANING TOWER OF PISA.**
Art is what happens when you're trying to make something else.