

# On Writing

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"I think there is a tremendous amount of avoidance that

goes on while writing. People used to ask me if I got writers block and I'd always say, "no" because I have never had that thing where you just sit and stare at the blank page and nothing comes. But then I realized that I did have writer's block, it just didn't take that form. The form was this incredible avoidance and I could think of so many things to do, and they were all totally legitimate things. I mean your taxes have to be done, right? All the things that interfere in life. I once made an experiment, if I quit writing would I have a lot of spare time? And after three weeks I realized that I could just quit and never notice. The time would just vanish like throwing a stone into the water, it would leave no trace. So unless I was willing to just carve out this time for writing, I was never going to get anything done. It is a dilemma that I think everyone faces."

— Connie Willis

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