

8 Best Writing Communities You Should Join & Why

Joining a writing community is one of the easiest ways to start building a network of writers and start gaining valuable feedback about your work. I'll never forget the first time I joined a writing community and how much it helped to get the support of other people in the industry.

If you're a writer that's eager to have your writing reviewed and critiqued, or even just want to engage with like minded people, a writing community can be beneficial. We all need some extra help getting our writing off the ground, and most people are eager to help burgeoning writers find there way.

Here's what you need to know about the best writing communities and why you should join them.

Should I join a writing community?

Joining a writing community can feel intimidating if you're a new writer. After all, published and working writers might read your work!

But one of the best things about being a writer is the inclusive and helpful community you get to be part of. Most writing communities, and their members, want to help new writers succeed.

The secret is — all writers are worried about getting critiqued. The point of a writing community is to be in a safe space where you feel comfortable being vulnerable.

I joined several writing communities early in my career to look at what others were doing successfully and learn how I could better myself. It ended up being one of the best things for my writing. And it can be great for you, too!

How can writing communities help me?

Beyond submitting your writing for feedback, writing communities come with a host of helpful tools and networking opportunities. From copywriting to getting a novel published, members have so much knowledge to share.

Joining communities can also be the start of your networking web. You'll be in forums with people that are published, working, or in contact with publishers on a day-to-day basis.

Once you create a trusted relationship with someone, you might gain access to more job opportunities, self-publishing help, or important feedback about your writing.

Whatever you hope to gain by joining, writing communities can help you in three fundamental ways.

Feedback & critique

The most valuable part of being in a writing community is getting feedback and critiques about your writing. While some writers find feedback hard to hear, it's one of the best ways for us to get better.

When I first started copywriting, I had a lot of issues with long sentences and flowery prose. I wasn't used to keeping things short and sweet.

Getting feedback from fellow copywriters and marketing professionals was imperative to my success. Not only did I get to review their projects, but I was lucky enough to get their input and put it into action.

Networking

Immersing yourself in a writing community is your chance to start building a network. Once you get in the groove and meet people, you'll be so thankful for the writers in your life.

Some of my closest friends are trusted writers I met in writing communities. Some of us haven't met in person, but we rely on each other to review our projects and be a second pair of eyes for our work.

I can't tell you how helpful it is to have writers from all different backgrounds in my life, helping me navigate new subjects and birth new ideas. Plus, my network is the first place I go when looking for new job opportunities.

Marketing yourself

Writers have many different goals depending on the career they want. From copywriting to becoming a fiction novelist, nothing will improve your career more than marketing yourself.

A writing community allows you to share your writing and get your name out there. If someone is impressed with your work, they might even want to hire you!

Treat your posts and interactions in a community as a reflection of yourself. You want to put your professional cap on and your best foot forward.

After all, you never know who is lurking in writing communities. They could be your next big client or publisher.

How do I find the right writing community?

Finding the right writing community is all about knowing what you want to get out of it. Some writers want feedback, and others need advice.

Write down a list of what you hope to gain by interacting with other writers. Once you review that list, start searching for a community that ticks all the boxes for you.

If you're having trouble getting started, don't worry! I pulled together some of my favorite communities and found a few that professional writers love.

While this isn't a comprehensive list of writing communities online, it's a great place to start!

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[Critique Match](#)

Critique Match is a two-in-one type of writing community — a place to gather feedback for yourself and an opportunity to get work as an editor. They aim to create a community where members can find “critique partners and top-rated professionals who can be alongside you for your writing journey and give you solid constructive feedback.’

The Writer's Digest named them one of the 101 Best Websites for Writers in 2021. Since then, they've grown into a community of thousands of writers who want to help each other succeed.

Why should you join?

If you need a second pair of eyes on your work before you turn it in for an assignment, members of Critique Match can help you. You can find a critique partner who gets to know you personally or hire someone to review your work.

For writers that simply want feedback on their work, Critique Match is a great community to get started in.

[Critique Circle](#)

Like Critique Match, Critique Circle is a community of thousands of writers working together to improve their writing. The website encourages writers to critique the writing of others and, in return, get their writing critiqued by the community.

Essentially, writers critique stories to gain credits on the website. Once you have enough credits, you can submit your own work for review.

Why should you join?

Critique Circle is a fun way to start garnering goodwill with fellow writers. The more they see that you're participating, the more likely they'll help in return.

[National Novel Writing Month](#)

National Novel Writing Month (aka NaNoWriMo) is among the most popular writing communities. Thousands of writers take part in their November challenge every year.

Not only are writers encouraged to write 50,000 words in thirty days — a goal to help them learn consistency in their writing — but they gain thousands of friends in the process. From weekly meet-ups and writing sessions, the opportunities to make new friends is endless.

In 2019, I did my first NaNoWriMo with some of my writer friends. It was challenging, but I was excited to attend the meet-ups and get to know the writers and their novels.

Why should I join?

If you're looking for a fun and challenging way to jumpstart a big writing project, NaNoWriMo is an excellent way to get started. You get a community of thousands of writers, plus the tools and resources from the NaNoWriMo website.

While it's not your typical feedback-style community, it encourages hard work, dedication, and camaraderie.

[Writing Forums](#)

Writing Forums is exactly what it sounds like — a forum for writers to “exchange tips, engage in discussions about techniques, and grow in their craft.”

An inclusive community, the premise of Writing Forums is to be a safe space for writers and poets to share their knowledge and skill set. With thousands of members and multiple forum topics, there's no end to what you can learn or do.

Why should I join?

If you need a space to explore all things writing, especially the most creative aspects of it, Writing Forums is the place to do that. They have hundreds of discussions, resources, and even writing challenges for their members.

It's free to use and easy to get started. All you need to do is create an account and post in forums.

[She Writes](#)

If you're a female writer who wants extra support from your fellow females, She Writes is the perfect community. With over 32,000 members, the community helps each other with everything from marketing to publishing and critiques.

Additionally, the She Writes website, launched in 2009, offers over 30,000 pieces of content about writing and life as an author. It's an exceptional resource for gaining inspiration, insight, and extra help.

Why should I join?

It can be challenging to connect with other female writers in a male dominated industry. Having a like minded community to engage with can help.

Plus, female writers face some unique challenges compared to their male counterparts. Having the resources and community to face those challenges are the building blocks to a successful career.

[Wattpad](#)

Wattpad is one of the biggest online writing communities. With over 90 million readers, it's also an incredible way to get your writing in front of the right audience.

Primarily for fiction writers, Wattpad is an online community where writers can post their stories and novels to a massive audience. Outside of being a publishing platform, it provides resources and tools for burgeoning writers.

Why should I join?

If you're a writer that wants to get your work in front of an audience, Wattpad is a great opportunity. From Fantasy to Romance and Thriller, every possible genre is on the site.

In addition to publishing your work, you gain access to publishing tools, audience development opportunities, paid options, and a vast community of fellow writers.

[Commaful](#)

If you want to learn to integrate short form content into their writing style, Commaful is a community where you can practice. The purpose is to take your stories and distill them into "bite-sized, on-the-go experiences."

You can combined your short stories and poetry with beautiful visuals and music to create a true multimedia experience. Sharing it on the platform allows other writers and readers to leave comments and engage with your work.

Why should I join?

If you want to get your stories out there and start building an audience, Commaful might work for you. With millions of people on the platform it's a great space to begin building and grow from there.

[Reddit Groups](#)

By now, most people know what Reddit is. But did you know that Reddit has a dedicated and loyal writing community?

The writing Reddit is full of beginner and advanced writers that come together to discuss tons of topics. There are many subreddits that span genres and subjects, allowing writers to talk about virtually anything.

Why should I join?

Reddit is easy to join and makes building a community of like minded people easier. Reddit users are generally excited to offer advice, feedback, and critiques, so it's an excellent way to gain some insight into what people think about your writing.