

ELSIE ROBINSON'S TOP FIVE QUOTES ON WRITING

On the magic of writing: “I started writing for exactly the same reason that a starving man starts eating – to save my life.”

On the importance of stamina: “It's the Parked Profile, not the Divine Spark, which is the secret of success.”

On when to begin writing: “How did I start writing? After everything else was done. With 7:30 I was on my way to work, hiking in mining boots. Four miles out to the mine from the shack where I lived. Nine hours then behind a wheelbarrow, pick or pan. Four miles back . . . staggering, stumbling through the dust and the still blazing heat. Then supper to cook, dishes to wash, lessons to hear, a little boy to tuck in bed. After that, sitting on a kerosene can, bending over a packing box, I wrote by candle light on wrapping paper.”

On the best writing environment: “Proper conditions? I wonder what they are?”

On the importance of being vulnerable: “Our most exquisite ecstasies, or keenest tragedies, are all common bread. There is nothing in life, which we do not, should not, share.

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