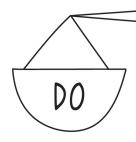
THE WRITER'S HUSTLE

SUBMITTING WORK

AN ETHICAL GUIDE

"A WORD ONCE SENT ABROAD CAN NEVER RETURN."
- HORACE



GET TO KNOW THE MARKET

- . ASK MENTORS FOR VENUE SUGGESTIONS
- > READ THE VENUES YOU WANT TO PUBLISH IN
- → RESEARCH AGENTS OF YOUR FAVORITE AUTHORS
- . CHECK OUT THE WRITER'S MARKET

GET SOME SKIN IN THE GAME

- > SUBSCRIBE TO LIT MAGS
- > PAY (REASONABLE) SUBMISSION FEES
- > BUY BOOKS FROM INDEPENDENT PRESSES

SUBMIT TRULY FINISHED WORK

- > WRITE YOUR GUTS OUT
- > GET FEEDBACK
- > REVISE, AND REVISE AGAIN

MANAGE YOUR SUBMISSIONS RESPONSIBLY

- > KNOW WHAT & WHERE YOU'VE SUBMITTED
- > TRACK SIMULTANEOUS SUBMISSIONS
- > WHEN A PIECE IS ACCEPTED, WITHDRAW IT ELSEWHERE



SEND OUT UNFINISHED WORK

> (DON'T MAKE MORE WORK FOR EDITORS AND AGENTS UNTIL THAT WORK IS WORTH READING)

FOCUS TOO MUCH ON PRESTIGE

> (THERE'S MORE THAN RANDOM HOUSE & THE NEW YORKER. LIT MAGS & INDIE PRESSES ARE A GREAT PLACE FOR GOOD WRITING)

PAY TO PLAY

➤ (MOST NON-PROFIT LIT MAGS & CONTESTS

CHARGE MODEST FEES, BUT BEWARE OF AGENTS

& 'CONSULTANTS' WHO CHARGE \$\$\$)

TAKE REJECTION PERSONALLY

• (LASHING OUT AT AN EDITOR MAY FEEL GOOD, BUT THEY HAVE FEELINGS TOO, AND MEMORIES. DON'T BURN BRIDGES BY BEING A BAD LOSER)

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