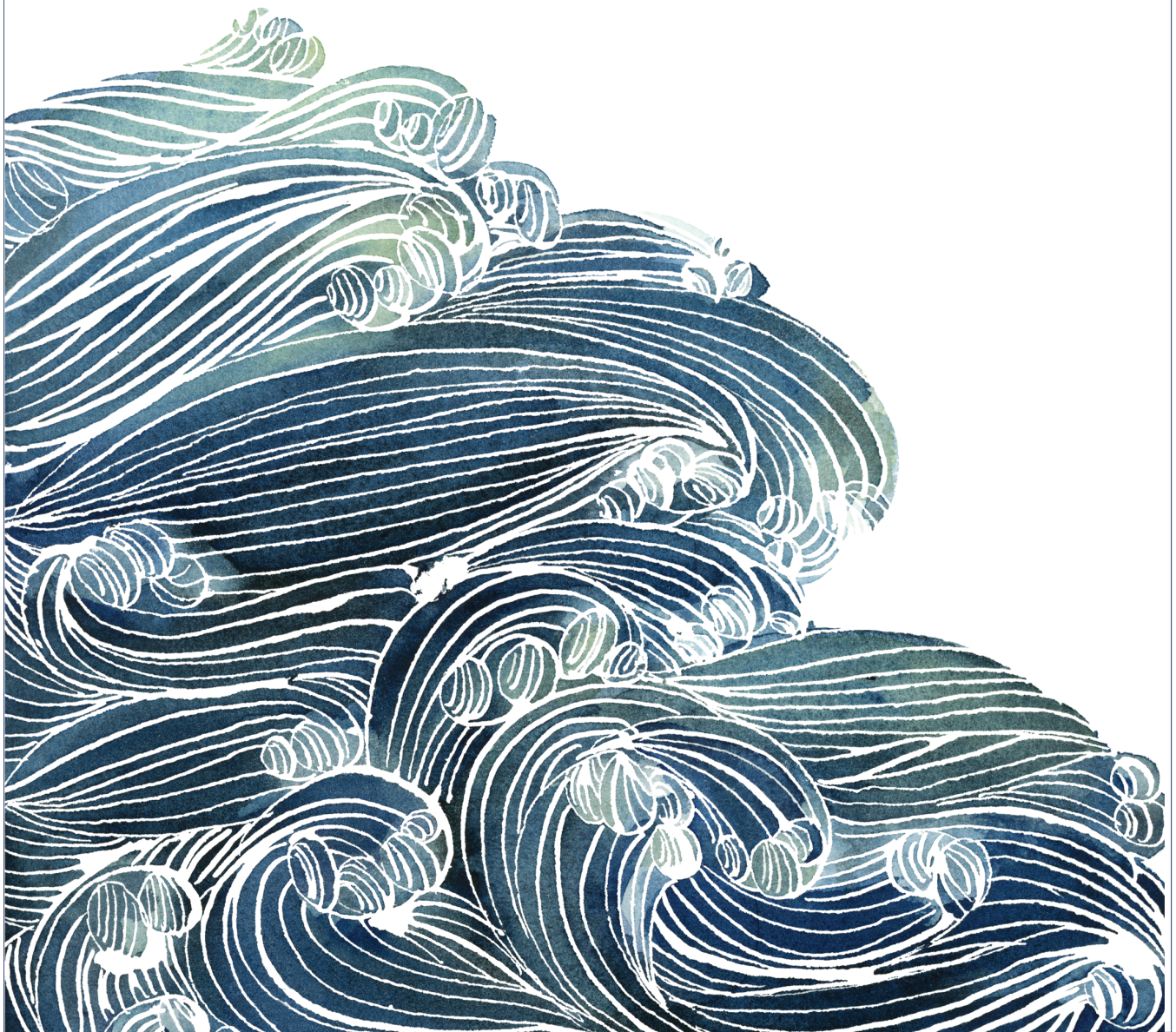


ANNUAL REVIEW

YOUR WRITING YEAR

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LOOKING BACK: 2020 WRITING PROJECTS

Use this space to list all the writing projects you started in 2020—whether or not you completed them. (Include both creative and professional writing). In the “reflections” column, note how the project made you feel, or any emotions associated with it.

	PROJECT & OUTCOMES	REFLECTIONS
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2020 REFLECTIONS

What lit you up?

Noticing the emotions you listed on the previous page, which projects lit you up this year? Which gave you energy and made you feel rooted in your purpose?

What was left behind?

Take a look at some of the projects you listed. Did you start something and not finish it? Are you less in love with an idea now?

How did you spend your time?

How much time did you devote to your writing? What was your schedule like? How did the pandemic impact your creative life?

2020 REFLECTIONS

Favorite writing moments

List some favorite moments from the past year. (e.g. winning a prize, receiving your first blog comment, building friendships with fellow writers, etc.)

Difficult writing moments

List any difficult moments from the past year. (e.g. a rejection slip in the mail, leaving a story unfinished, forgetting to save your work and losing it, a challenging workshop, etc.)

LOOKING AHEAD: 2021 WRITING PROJECTS

Use this space to list all the writing projects you're hoping to work into 2021. In the "Why Now?" column, reflect on what's pulling you toward this idea. Will it help you reach a larger goal? Is it a continuation of something from last year? Will it help you connect with others? Is it simply on your heart?

PROJECT IDEA

WHY NOW?

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LOOKING AHEAD: REFLECTIONS

How do you want your writing life to make you feel this year?

List some words to describe how you'd like your writing practice to make you feel in 2021.

What will your reading life look like?

Is there anything in particular you'd like to learn more about? (Like research for a book, for example.) Books you already know you want to read? An author you want to get to know more?

What do you need?

Looking for community? Need more newsletter subscribers? Hoping to find an agent? List what you need both practically and emotionally.

FIND YOUR MARGINS

MORNING

What time do you wake up in the morning? How long does it take you to start your day? What is your family routine like?

AFTERNOON

What time do you have lunch? What time does work end? Do you have any standing meetings or appointments during the week? What are your childcare responsibilities like, if any?

EVENING

How long does it take to prepare dinner? What does your evening routine look like: watching television, reading, childcare, etc.?

WORK YOUR MARGINS

Use this space to think about how you can make the best use of the margins you have. In the first column, list the amount of time you have, and in the second column, brainstorm activities you can accomplish during that time. In pandemic times, this might shift from a 30-minute commute to a 15-minute window to get ready in the morning, etc.

	MARGIN	ACTIVITY
1	EXAMPLE: 30-MINUTE MORNING COMMUTE	CATCHING UP ON PODCASTS; PRACTICING OUT LOUD FOR AN EVENT
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PRODUCTIVITY BUFFET

How can you support yourself to make space to write?

Use this section to brainstorm ways you might need help, what you can change, and how you'll shift things around.

Get up earlier

Keep your Kindle in your purse or car

Go to sleep later

Read before going to sleep

Write on your lunch break

Read on your lunch break

Schedule 15 minutes to write

Add writing to your weekly calendar

Schedule 30 minutes to write

Take a solo cruise to finish a draft

Take a PTO day to write

Remove several shows from your DVR

Visit a coffee shop Sat. morning

Watch less television

☐ Stay at a local hotel for 1-2 nights
to work on your project

Add a note to your phone to capture ideas

MONTHLY INTENTIONS

If you enjoy mapping out projects, use this space to set manageable intentions for each month.

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

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