

Writing About Your Life

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A Journey into the Past



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This highly original book by William Zinsser, author of the classic guide *On Writing Well*, tells you how to write about the people and places and events in your life that have been important to you—whether you’re writing a memoir, a family history or just a recollection of experiences you’d like to preserve or more fully understand. Zinsser’s method is to take you on a memoir of his own: 13 chapters in which he recalls dramatic, amusing and often inspiring moments in his long and unusually varied life as a writer, editor, teacher and traveler. Along the way in these memoirs William Zinsser pauses to explain the technical decisions he made as he wrote them. They are the same decisions you’ll have to make as you write about your own life: matters of selection, condensation, focus, attitude, voice and tone. Written with elegance, warmth and humor, *Writing About Your Life* gives you the tools to organize and recover your past and the confidence to believe in your life narrative. It also gives you permission—through the example of a life enriched by change and risk—to make bold life choices of your own.

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评论

跟On Writing Well一起听完的，发现多了很多自传想读。

A memoir written as a manual on how to write memoirs. The pieces are so enjoyable that the reader may come away with deeper impressions about the author's life stories than about his writing tips.

the writer instilled the writing skills and his perspectives of life to readers in a way that is moderate and soft. To say it's a memoir, it's more an adventure, unforeseen to the eyes, but discernible by the heart. Don't become prisoners of expectation that's not right for you, live at your own will and rythm.

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书评

在我关于幼时的记忆里，有个画面一直都在，那是刚上小学一年级第二天，我被级任老师指定做班长，并且要我在放学时发号施令整队准备离开。我并不是个胆子很大的小孩，要我在上学第二天面对三十几个小朋友大声发出那简洁有力的口令，对我而言绝对是件难事。面对着闹哄哄还有点搞...

“你的人生很有趣，什么时候写一本回忆录吧！”
无意间在图书馆找到了《如何写出好人生》这本书，很适合打发时间，但是没有直接借走，而是在图书馆看了看，看几章后就放回去，下次去图书馆再找出来看，反反复复，有种藏宝寻宝的感觉。《如何写出好人生》是一本回忆录，全书...

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書寫自己的人生，是一種強而有力的人性需求。誰不想留下一些關於個人成就、思考與情感的記錄？誰不想對子孫說明自己是什麼樣的人、出身於什麼樣的傳統？

本書隱含兩個重要提醒：第一，不需要設定你的人生故事「應...

全書中只有一、兩章是作者教授如何寫回憶錄，整本書是他的示範，由學校生活到寫作教學，寫出他自己的回憶錄。開始時，他提議讀者從小事寫起，不要一開始就寫人生中的大事，他辦到了，全書滿是他日常生活的細節記錄。我相信他每日寫日記，日後寫回憶錄時才可以連何時何分都記得起。

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