

# Writerly Bucket List



## Travel

- Go on a writing retreat
- Take the train
- Set off on a literary pilgrimage to a site where your favorite author lived or spent his/her time writing
- Visit a printing plant to see how books are made
- Visit the grave of a famous author
- Visit a famous bookstore in another state
- Visit a bookstore or library in another country (like Dublin, Ireland's "The Long Room")

## Personal Development

- Find a mentor
- Write an affirmation statement that expresses all your strengths as a writer
- Buy a book for a child
- Read *The Elements of Style*
- Donate copies of your book to a worthy cause
- Mentor a teen who is interested in writing
- Create a productive writing space
- Write from the heart
- Subscribe to a "word of the day" email

## Experience

- Do something weird just to write about it
- Start a book club or writing workshop
- Get a little free library outside your house
- Guest blog for someone famous
- Start a personal library
- Create art out of books that are falling apart
- Read a ridiculously difficult book, like *Ulysses*
- Start a savings fund for self-publishing
- Try editing a book

## Bookish Buys

- Collect a series
- Buy old books at garage sales—and barter!
- Get an autographed book
- Go to a book signing and get a selfie with the author
- Visit a library
- Buy a beautiful leather journal
- Have a movie marathon based on the books you love
- Purchase a handmade book
- Buy a typewriter
- Go on a blind date with a book

## Literary Eats

- Host an Alice in Wonderland tea party
- Eat a cake that's designed like a book
- Try some fictitious dishes
- Make green eggs and ham
- Eat like a Hobbit
- Throw a Great Gatsby-themed party

## Write On

- Win NaNoWriMo
- Get an article published
- Write under a pen name
- Write a poem
- Write fan fiction
- Send fan mail to your favorite authors
- Write a comic strip or graphic novel
- Write in a genre that you hate
- Write a letter to your future self
- Self-publish a book
- Send your ready-for-publication book to at least three traditional publishing houses