C:\Users\hilary.curry\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\487GTR9U\MC900078718[1].wmfThe20Project Writers Guide

Welcome to the project, I am so excited to have you on-board! Since this is a bit of a work in progress I will keep the door open to other contributors until the 31st of January 2014. It is my hope to get as many people as possible.

**The Website / Blog**

You have most likely sent me your picture and a blurb for the contributors’ page. Thank you! If you have not – please get on that ASAP.

There is also a space on the website for blog posts. Please feel free to email me links, articles or even musings that you think would help other authors or are just about the spirit of the project. I will endeavour to get stuff posted within two days.

Also – please send out the Facebook link to your friends and family! Let’s get this project noticed!

**C:\Users\hilary.curry\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\82ASNU8A\MC900078625[1].wmfThe Writing Part**

I am extending the deadline for your submission (people are busy – I get it!). So, the deadline for submissions is **31st of March 2014**.

Submission Length (for those academics out there)  
– a minimum of 3 pages to a maximum of 10 pages. WORD document. 11pt. 1.5 spacing  
- really your submission is your own! Do what you wish with the pages.

This project really has two parts. One is to take the time/space to reflect on your journey and the other is to pass along wisdom / knowledge to the 20 year olds.

**A few places to start for those of you without a definite plan.**

1. Start by writing a bulleted list of your life events – kind of a timeline
2. Go through and highlight anything that was a defining moment or turning point
   1. Maybe that is a mentoring relationship
   2. Maybe that is a new job that set you on the right track
   3. Maybe it was leaving a job
   4. Big mistakes that if you had a do-over you wouldn’t do again
   5. Things that you got right! Maybe that is who you chose as your partner.
3. Determine what lens you think you want to spin on your story – are you giving advice on life, success, travel, relationships…. What resonates the most with you!
4. Craft your story as if you are having a conversation with a 20year old that has asked you the question “why are you so successful?” What has brought you to this point in your life that has made you happy? OR even what you think you would do if you had a second go around!
5. If you have thoughts that are blog worthy while you are undertaking this project – please feel free to send them over to me for posting ☺

*Remember-* You are writing this from your point of view – forget about what you think a 20 yr old wants to know; people who are going to pick up this book are essentially self-selecting to read about your story!

**After you are done writing….**

1. Congratulate yourself!
2. Leave it for one whole week.
3. Read it again and do your first edit on the piece.
4. Send your submission to a friend who is a pretty good editor and will help you out.
5. Read it again and do another edit.
6. Leave it alone for another week.
7. Read it one last time
8. Send it over to me for submission (by End of Day on 31st of March 2013)!!! ([hilarycurry@gmail.com](mailto:hilarycurry@gmail.com))

**What happens next?**

1. I am going to print out all of the submissions, read them and put them into chapters or groupings depending on what is written.
2. I am going to add WOW pages (words of wisdom) in
3. I am going to send the book over to an editor for a final edit to ensure that everything flows / reads well.
4. I am going to send the book over to my illustrator for some fun illustrations
5. I am going to send the book out to all of the authors for a final proof!
6. Then I am going to start the self-publishing process … get an isbn, etc.
7. Then I am going to enlist your help again at promoting the book online and see if anyone buys a copy!!! (I expect that you will all buy a copy and those profits will go to paying our website costs, editor, illustrator and any other publishing costs)
8. If we make any money at all – I am going to divide it equally amongst everyone – OR – we can nominate a charity that profits go to (will cross this bridge when it comes up!).

Once I gather all of the authors I will hold a group call so everyone can virtually meet!! Looking forward to working with you and so excited about this project! Cheers, Hilary