

Write What You Know, Know Who You Love



Inspiration can come from everywhere, but it goes nowhere without any encouragement. A feeling many writers lack while staring at an empty page with a million ideas sitting around waiting for the writer's fingers to catch up with their brain. But your fingers need a push, a little bit of excitement, before they start flying across the keyboard or scratching a No. 2 across some looseleaf.

It is in passion where a writer finds their best work. Passion is intoxicating, it draws people in. Readers know when an author is writing something they truly care about because those same feelings begin to blossom as they enjoy someone's work. Writers crave that feeling; the ability to encourage a reader to fully immerse themselves in the stories they share. However, to get there, the you need to feel the same about what you are creating. Think about a time where you immersed yourself in your writing. Where the whole world seemed to melt away and the only thing you knew was your own imagination. Isn't that such a wonderful feeling?

But how do you keep that feeling going? Sometimes it hits you like a train and other times like a pillow. The answer lies in your best work. Your passion. Ponder all that makes you excited.

Whatever or whomever makes your heart race, and the smile never leaves your face because your passion can empower you to create amazing things.

“Hey, this is what it’s like having your wife be cooler than you”

- Brennan Lee Mulligan to Isabella Roland
(Dimension 20: Never Stop Blowing Up)

Perhaps there is no better example of this than the husband of Isabella Roland and creator of Dropout’s *Dimension 20*, Brennan Lee Mulligan. As the primary gamesmaster and writer for the tabletop role-playing game actual-play, Mulligan sought inspiration for the show’s 22nd season *Never Stop Blowing Up* in his wife’s interests. Roland revealed to fans on [instagram](#) that Mulligan did this season as an homage to her. *Never Stop Blowing Up* combines the *Kids on Bikes* TTRPG system with explosively enjoyable 80s action-packed comedy for a [love letter](#) like no one has ever received before.

It’s age-old advice to write what you know, but what do you know better than [what you love](#). Love to the point of invention is a beautiful concept. One Mulligan certainly knows well, much like many other writers. I urge you to strive for that feeling in your own work because writers who follow their passions and find excitement in their own work led their audiences to extraordinary places. Chase that feeling of love even if it goes beyond your experiences or expertise and use that to empower you to create amazing stories. There is nothing more authentic than a writer who loves what they do.