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| **Occupation** | **Description** | **Average Salary** | **Education Required** | **Reflection** | **Notes** |
| **Novelist – Fiction Writer / Illustrator** | The novelist does more than write novels. A novelist is a publicist, a public speaker, a social media influencer, an event coordinator, and above all, a small business owner. While there are many factors that determine a novelist’s success, for the most part, you are in charge of your own destiny. It is up to you to make your book succeed, and though writing a great book is your top priority, the work doesn’t stop after you write “The End.” |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **News** **Reporter** | Reporters work for newspapers, magazines, television stations, websites, and other media outlets. They are responsible for informing the public about news and events that impacts their lives or interest them. There’s much more to being a reporter than just talking in front of a camera, or typing up an article. A lot of research goes into everything that reporters create, meaning that they need to spend a lot of time reading and gathering facts. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Newspaper Columnist** | While it might be difficult to get a spot in a nationally ranked newspaper, there are many regional and local papers looking for good writers to publish.  Obtaining a regular column will bring you more notoriety and help you establish yourself as an expert in your topic. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Editor** | [Editors](http://resources.alljobopenings.com/editor-jobs) work for publishing organizations, and are normally among the most experienced members on staff. They develop ideas for stories that their staff writers should write, and then check them for accuracy and errors once they’re complete. This occupation requires a ton of reading and editing, often on a tight deadline. If you’re able to think critically under pressure and like to lead a team of writers, this could be a great job for you |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Media Relations Specialists** | This job is code for “dealing with the press”.  Many companies and organizations employ media relations specialists to help them interact appropriately and effectively with the press. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Public Relations Managers** | These media professionals read and research developments, trends, and other factors that may affect their clients and then craft information designed to emphasize the organizations’ positive traits. Public relations managers write press releases, speeches, interview questions, and other promotional material, and they also write content for public relations and fundraising campaigns. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Blogger** | While anyone could technically write a blog, skilled writers are used to develop blogs that people will actually want to read.  Bloggers can also allow other businesses to advertise on their site to earn money. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Video Game Copywriter** | Like movies and daytime sitcoms, video games need copywriters. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Scriptwriter** | What does the evening news on television and your favorite sitcom have in common?  They both employ a team of scriptwriters. Entertainment award shows and reality television shows employ scriptwriters too.  Depending on whether you want to go creative or not, this is great career for writers. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Lawyer** | The lawyers we see on TV spend all of their time arguing in court and performing their own crime investigations, but what they don’t show is that lawyers spend a ton of time reading. Being a good [lawyer](http://resources.alljobopenings.com/lawyer-jobs) requires a ton of research, and in many cases, research means reading. If snuggling up with a legal contract, patent filing, or a thick volume of legislation sounds like fun to you, then you might just be cut out to work as a lawyer |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Paralegal** | Paralegals help lawyers with many different tasks, including preparing legal documents, maintaining reference files, organizing evidence, and conducting research. All of these tasks require a great deal of reading, and for someone who has an interest in law or legal proceedings, it can be a very interesting occupation |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Speechwriter** | Rarely do the top dogs of any organization write their own speeches.  Often times they have professional speech writers.  These writers must be skilled in understanding both their audience and the speaker.  This job can be obtained as a freelancer, through an agency, or as a member of the group |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Executive Assistant** | This is the perfect writing career for someone who is versatile and good at editing other people’s work.  One moment you might be constructing a briefing for your boss and the next moment you could be preparing documents to go in the company’s annual report.  It is not uncommon for executive assistants to write personal notes such as thank you notes to visiting partners. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Foods and Arts Reviewer** | Writers who are foodies or arts enthusiasts might enjoy writing reviews on these topics.  These writers often get the first glance and behind-the-scenes opportunities on what is going on around town.  This is a great job for people who like to try new things, be in the “know”, and influence others. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Ghostwriter** | Ghostwriters write the copy that someone else will later claim credit for.  This is common in politics, big business, and in the entertainment industry.  These people must not only be excellent writers but they must also be able to keep their mouths shut. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Advertising Copywriter** | The catchy business slogans that get stuck in your head were probably created by an advertising copywriter. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Grant Proposal Writer** | This is a great option for freelance writers.  Often times, nonprofits hire writers to create the copy for grant proposals for governmental or charitable foundations.  Grant writers are extremely valuable and can make a significant impact on a nonprofit’s future. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Proofreader** | If you have an eye for detail and consider yourself a perfectionist, proofreading might be the writing career for you.  Proof readers with a firm understanding of grammar and spelling are considered essential to authors, publishers, and editorial boards. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Resume and Cover Letter Writer** | While this may not seem like a career, many successful writers find they can excel at business writing.  Resume writers must be concise and specific while still conveying their clients talents.  These writers are strategic and know the advantages to a well written resume and cover letter |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Technical Writer** | Usually when you buy a product, it comes with some kind of manual.  More importantly though, someone had to write that manual.  While this is definitely not a creative writing job, technical writers are skilled at comprehending and wording complex concepts for others to understand. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Translator** | If you are fluent in another language and like to write, being a translator is a natural fit.  Bilingual and multi-lingual writers are especially important in translating technical writing. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Archivist** | [Archivists](http://resources.alljobopenings.com/archivist-jobs) are responsible for organizing, collecting, and preserving important documents and other types of records. Some archivists specialize in media like photographs and sound recordings, but there are also many opportunities for those who specialize in written documents. Sure, some of the documents will be on the dry side (nobody ever read legal contracts for fun), but if you love learning, reading, and organizing, this could be a great occupation for you |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Historian** | [Historians](http://resources.alljobopenings.com/historian-jobs) analyze, interpret, and research the past by studying historical documents and artifacts. To do their jobs effectively, historians have to spend a great deal of their time reading books, diaries, newspapers, historical accounts, contracts, and other types of documents so that they can develop an accurate representation of a person, time, culture, or event. If you love reading and writing, this can be a great occupation. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Librarian** | If being surrounded by books makes you happy, there aren’t many careers out there that will make you happier than a [librarian](http://resources.alljobopenings.com/librarian-jobs). |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Proofreader** | Proofreading might not be the most glamorous job in the world, but it’s an important one. Without proofreaders, the books and articles that we read would be riddled with missing words, grammatical errors, and missing punctuation. In short, reading anything at all would be pretty miserable if proofreaders weren’t around. Sure, some of the subjects you have to read will be really dry, and there will be plenty of things that are a chore to read, but if you want to spend your days getting paid to read, this is one of the best jobs out there. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
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| **English Professor** | Find me an English professor who doesn’t love to read, and I’ll show you a person who is probably in the wrong profession. One of the biggest jobs that English professors have is to instill a love of reading and literature in their students. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **College Professor** | Outside of class, many college professors spend their time working on their own research projects. As you’ve learned by now, doing effective research requires a lot of time reading books, periodicals, journals, and other sources. Professors also have to maintain an up to date understanding of their subject, and one of the most effective ways to do that is to read. Also: a love of reading sure helps when it comes time to slog through all of the papers students turn in. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Political Scientists** | Political Scientists read large numbers of historical documents and policy decisions as they explore and critically analyze data to predict and develop theories regarding political, social and economic trends. They also write reports that detail their theories and analyze existing policies. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Greeting Card Author** | Greeting card writers work to provide written copy for birthday, anniversary, sympathy, and other wishes. Though writing text for such cards is usually a freelance or contract position, for which the writer is hired only as needed, there are some experienced greeting card writers who may find a full-time job. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Comic Book Writer** | Comic book writers create comic books and graphic novels. They basically conceptualize stories and tell them through words which are then put together with suitable illustrations to form comic strips. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Advertising** | An advertising worker is an integral part of the advertising agency. Individuals in this role can expect to be involved with the development of campaigns and advertisements to meet client needs. There are a variety of roles an advertising worker takes on as they work their way up the ladder.  Even though there are specific areas an individual may focus on, most advertising workers start off in a more general role to give them exposure to the firm as a whole. The intent is to have them involved in the process for how advertisements and promotions are developed based on client needs. They may assist a specific role, such as an account manager, to see what the next steps would involve for them, or work hand in hand with various departments including graphics, creative, strategy, account management, and writing. If an individual in this role has a specialized background, it may be utilized as they progress throughout the advertising agency. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Songwriter** | Songwriters compose music, write lyrics, or both. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Legacy Writer** | **Write people’s bios and family histories** |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Travel Writer** |  |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Video Game Writer** | Just as every movie starts with a script, so does every video game. Video games have always had writers, but in the past few years, video game writers have had a lot more writing to do. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Personal Poet** | **Write personalized poems for weddings, funerals, childbirths, etc.** |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |
| **Reading Tutor** | Helps children and adults alike learn how to read or to improve their reading. |  |  | \_\_**Yes**, I’m interested  \_\_ **Maybe**  \_\_**Not** for me |  |