



Hudkins Publishing

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I. My Most Frequently Asked Questions and Responses

Questions About My Writing Journey

1. What inspired you to start writing?

Writing has always been a way for me to explore ideas, document experiences, and connect with others. My passion for storytelling started early, but my time in the military exposed me to a world of cultures, challenges, and perspectives that shaped my writing. I wanted to capture those insights and experiences in a way that would educate, entertain, and inspire others.

2. How has your writing process changed over time?

In the beginning, I approached writing more casually—jotting down ideas and working through them organically. Over time, I developed a structured approach that balances creativity with discipline. Now, I outline my books, conduct thorough research, and maintain a consistent writing routine. That shift has allowed me to be more productive and intentional with each project.

3. What's the best writing advice you've ever received?

"Write every day, even if it's just a few sentences." Writing isn't just about inspiration; it's about consistency. You don't have to wait for the perfect idea or mood; you just have to start. The more you write, the stronger your voice becomes.



I Questions About My Writing Journey Continued

4. How do you handle writer's block?

I take a step back and shift my focus. Sometimes that means researching, outlining, or even revisiting older work for inspiration. If I'm really stuck, I write something completely different—a short story, a journal entry, or even just notes. The key is to keep writing in some capacity so that momentum isn't lost.

5. How did you develop your writing style?

My writing style developed over time through experience, research, and a lot of trial and error. I write in a way that feels natural to me—clear, engaging, and informative. Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, or coloring books, I focus on making my work accessible and interesting to readers.

6. What was the first book you ever wrote, and what was the experience like?

The first book I ever wrote was a college writing assignment. It was a mix of excitement and frustration because I was figuring everything out as I went along. Writing the book itself was one challenge, but learning about editing, formatting, and publishing was a whole different experience. That first book taught me a lot about patience and persistence.



I Questions About My Writing Journey Continued

7. How has your writing process changed over time?

When I first started, I wrote whenever inspiration struck, which wasn't always the most efficient method. Over time, I developed a more structured approach—outlining, setting goals, and managing my time better. Now, I balance writing with research, editing, and marketing, which helps me stay productive.

8. What is the most challenging part of being an author?

Balancing creativity with the business side of publishing is tough. Writing the book is one thing, but getting it in front of the right audience is another challenge entirely. Marketing, promotion, and staying relevant in a fast-changing industry take just as much effort as writing itself.

9. What advice would you give to aspiring writers?

Keep writing, keep learning, and don't get discouraged. Rejection and criticism are part of the process. The more you write, the better you get. Also, don't be afraid to explore different formats or genres—sometimes, the best opportunities come from unexpected places.



I Questions About My Writing Journey Continued

10. Do you write every day, or do you have a set routine?

I don't write every single day, but I do stick to a routine. Some days are dedicated to writing, while others are for research, editing, or handling the business side of publishing. It's about consistency rather than forcing creativity every day.

11. What do you enjoy most about being an author?

The best part is knowing that my books connect with readers. Whether a mystery novel keeps someone on the edge of their seat or a coloring book helps someone relax, I love that my work can entertain, inspire, or educate in some way.



II. Questions About My Books & Themes

12. Can you tell us about your latest book?

My latest book, *The Milk Carton Comeback: A Simple Step to End Plastic Waste*, tackles the environmental crisis of plastic packaging and explores the benefits of returning to biodegradable milk cartons. It's a blend of research, advocacy, and practical solutions that show how consumers, businesses, and policymakers can work together to reduce plastic waste.

13. What kind of research goes into your books?

It depends on the subject, but research is a critical part of my writing. For nonfiction, I dive into historical records, industry reports, and scientific studies to ensure accuracy. For fiction, I study real-world locations, historical events, and psychological profiles to make my characters and settings more authentic.

14. Are there any recurring themes in your work?

Absolutely. Many of my books explore self-improvement, financial literacy, sustainability, and mystery-solving. Whether I'm writing about investing, the environment, or a gripping whodunit, my goal is always to leave readers with something to think about or apply to their lives.



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II. Questions About My Books & Themes Continued

18. What sets your books apart from others in the same genre?

I bring a unique blend of research, storytelling, and originality to every book. Whether it's a mystery, a financial guide, or a coloring book, I focus on quality and creating something that stands out.

19. Do you write books with a specific audience in mind?

Yes, every book has a target audience. Some are designed for adults who love coloring, while others cater to readers interested in finance, history, or fiction. Understanding my audience helps me create books they'll enjoy and benefit from.

20. How do you decide on book titles?

Titles need to be compelling and reflect the book's content. I consider marketability, searchability, and reader appeal before finalizing a title.

21. Have any of your real-life experiences influenced your writing?

Absolutely. My military background, personal experiences, and observations of the world all influence my writing. Even my fiction includes elements of reality, whether it's places, emotions, or historical details.



III. Questions About Publishing & Marketing

22. What led you to start Hudkins Publishing?

After publishing multiple books, I realized I wanted more control over the creative process, pricing, and distribution. I saw an opportunity to create a direct-to-reader platform where books could be accessible and affordable without the overhead of traditional publishing. That's why Hudkins Publishing focuses on digital books available at low cost—so that price isn't a barrier to knowledge and storytelling.

23. What's been the most successful promotional strategy for you?

For me, word-of-mouth and direct engagement have been key. I focus on getting books into the hands of the right audience, whether through targeted online marketing, collaborations, or leveraging platforms like Etsy and Digital Books Outlet. Having multiple sales channels ensures that my books are visible and accessible.

24. How do you handle book reviews—both positive and negative?

I appreciate all reviews, even the critical ones, because they provide insight into what readers connect with and what can be improved. Positive reviews motivate me, and negative ones push me to refine my craft. At the end of the day, writing is subjective—not every book will resonate with every reader, and that's okay.



III. Questions About Publishing & Marketing Continued

25. What has been the biggest challenge in self-publishing?

The biggest challenge is getting visibility in a crowded market. Writing a book is one thing, but marketing it requires strategy, patience, and consistency. Many great books go unnoticed simply because they aren't marketed effectively.

26. What's one mistake self-published authors should avoid?

Not investing in editing, formatting, and cover design. Readers judge books by their quality, and poorly edited or unprofessional-looking books can hurt an author's credibility.

27. How important is networking in the publishing industry?

It's incredibly important. Even as an independent author, building relationships with readers, reviewers, fellow writers, and publishing professionals opens doors to opportunities, collaborations, and increased visibility.



III. Questions About Publishing & Marketing Continued

28. What role does social media play in your marketing efforts?

Social media is a valuable tool, but I focus more on direct-to-reader platforms like DigitalBooksOutlet.com and Etsy. I use social media for announcements, promotions, and engaging with readers, but my primary goal is driving traffic to my book storefronts.

29. Do you think digital books will eventually replace print books?

Not entirely. Print books still hold sentimental and practical value, but digital books offer convenience, affordability, and accessibility. The future of publishing will likely be a hybrid of both formats.

30. What made you choose digital publishing over traditional?

Digital publishing gives me more control, a faster turnaround, and direct access to readers. It allows me to experiment with different formats and get my books out without waiting on a traditional publisher's approval.



III. Questions About Publishing & Marketing Continued

31. How do you market your books effectively?

I use a combination of SEO, social media marketing, email newsletters, and direct sales through my website and Etsy. I'm also incorporating AI-driven marketing with *InkSpire AI* to expand engagement.



IV. Questions About My Personal Life & Background

32. How did your military background shape your writing?

Serving in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps for 22 years gave me a global perspective and an appreciation for discipline, strategy, and human behavior. I've seen the best and worst of humanity, and those experiences have shaped how I build characters, conflicts, and themes in my books.

33. What's one thing people might be surprised to learn about you?

I've studied Business Administration and Information Technology at multiple universities, including Kent State and Maryland University. While writing is my passion, I've always been drawn to the intersection of creativity, strategy, and problem-solving—which is why so many of my books explore finance, sustainability, and personal growth.

34. How do you balance writing with other aspects of life?

I prioritize and set realistic goals. Some days are writing-heavy, while others focus on marketing, research, or personal time. I believe in working smarter, not harder, to maintain both productivity and balance.



IV. Questions About My Personal Life & Background Continued

35. What hobbies or interests do you have outside of writing?

I enjoy researching historical events, exploring technology trends, and keeping up with global issues—many of which find their way into my books. I also enjoy problem-solving and analyzing financial strategies, which is why I write about investment topics.

36. If you weren't a writer, what career would you have pursued?

Likely something in business strategy, law enforcement, or technology—all fields that require critical thinking and structured problem-solving, much like writing.

37. What legacy do you hope to leave through your books?

I want to leave behind a body of work that informs, inspires, and challenges readers to think critically. If my books help people make better financial decisions, live more sustainably, or simply escape into a great story, then I've achieved my goal.



IV. Questions About My Personal Life & Background Continued

38. What lessons did you take from your time in the Army?

Discipline, perseverance, and adaptability. These qualities help me in writing and publishing, especially when facing challenges or tight deadlines.

39. Do you incorporate real-life places or experiences into your books?

Yes, all the time. Many of my books, especially fiction and non-fiction, draw inspiration from real places, events, and personal experiences.

40. Have you always been an avid reader? If so, what are your favorite books?

Yes, I've always loved reading. Some of my favorites include classic mysteries, historical fiction, and books on strategy and finance.

41. How do you stay motivated to keep writing?

I enjoy creating, and I love seeing my work reach readers. Setting goals and working on new projects keeps me motivated.



V. Questions About the Future & Industry Trends

42. Do you think AI and technology will impact the way books are written?

Absolutely. AI is already assisting with editing, marketing, and even content generation. While technology will change how books are created, storytelling will always need a human touch.

43. Are there any upcoming projects or books you're excited about?

Yes, I'm pushing toward 150 published books and expanding my AI-driven marketing efforts. I'm also working on more coloring books, financial guides, and eco-conscious books like *The Milk Carton Comeback*.

44. How did I see Hudkins Publishing evolving in the next 5-10 years?

I envision Hudkins Publishing growing into a more recognizable brand, expanding digital distribution, and incorporating new formats like interactive e-books and AI-driven engagement tools.



V. Questions About the Future & Industry Trends Continued

45. What trends in publishing did I think authors should pay attention to?

I believe authors should watch the rise of AI-driven content creation, direct-to-reader sales channels, and the growing demand for sustainable publishing practices.

46. Did I plan to collaborate with other authors or creators?

I am always receptive to collaborating with artists on coloring books and exploring joint ventures with indie authors. My AI influencer, InkSpire AI, would also play a key role in future marketing strategies.

47. If one of my books were turned into a movie, who would I cast in the lead roles?

For *The Hidden Room Mystery*, I imagine actors with strong screen presence, like Christian Bale or Jessica Chastain, taking on lead roles.

48. Do You think books still hold the same power in today's digital world?

Absolutely. While technology has changed how people consume content, books have remained a powerful medium for storytelling, education, and inspiration.



V. Questions About the Future & Industry Trends Continued

49. If I could give one final piece of advice to writers and readers, what would it be?

I advise writers to keep improving their craft and adapting to industry changes. I also encourage readers to stay open to new ideas and perspectives—books have the power to change lives.

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VI. Questions About My Writing & Creativity

51. Do you write books with a specific audience in mind?

Yes, but it depends on the book. Some of my nonfiction books are tailored for readers seeking practical knowledge—whether it's about investing, sustainability, or self-improvement. My fiction books are written to entertain, challenge, and immerse readers in unique worlds. No matter the genre, I aim to make my work accessible and valuable to as many people as possible

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52. How do you decide on book titles?

I focus on clarity and intrigue. Titles should immediately tell readers what the book is about while sparking curiosity. For nonfiction, I often use a straightforward, keyword-rich title with compelling subtitles. For fiction, I experiment with phrases that evoke the mood, theme, or mystery of the story.

53. Have any of your real-life experiences influenced your writing?

Absolutely. My military service, education, and travels have all shaped my perspective as a writer. Many of my nonfiction books are built on firsthand experience and research, while my fiction often reflects themes of strategy, perseverance, and uncovering the truth.



VI. Questions About My Writing & Creativity Continued

54. Do you write every day, or do you have a set routine?

I aim to write or refine content daily, but I don't force it. Some days, I focus on outlining, research, or marketing efforts instead of writing new material. I believe that consistent progress, even in small steps, is key to long-term success.

55. What do you enjoy most about being an author?

I love sharing knowledge, stories, and ideas with readers around the world. Writing allows me to leave something behind that lasts, and knowing that my books can educate, inspire, or entertain someone makes the entire process worthwhile.