

## WHY I WRITE?

I write solely because I enjoy it. I enjoy having to think about something else other than the usual mundane things in life. It widens my outlook and stops my mind wandering and brooding.

Also it is quite educational, as in our group we are given different subjects to write about.

We also gain from listening to other members' writings.

When I leave the workshop I look around at members of the public and think what they are missing and ask myself why they don't come and join us in this friendly group.

Marion

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I felt a desire to write in my early teens and there has never been a period in my life when this has not continued up to the present day, and this has resulted in many lasting friendships over the years.

Borderland Voices has great appeal, not only for that reason, but bereavement and loneliness made me wonder if joining a group and trying to write something different might give me some pleasure with the added companionship and interesting company of like-minded others.

It was the best thing I ever did, to take that step.

Joan

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Writing is not something to be taken lightly. Some people do it for a hobby, others for therapy. Then you've got your professionals. They do it for money.

When I started to write as an adult, I did it in a very focussed way. I concentrated on one particular genre. I learned that my way was not necessarily wrong but very much incorrect.

I enjoy my writing more than I used to and it seems others are enjoying it too.

The reason for this is that I am being myself, not Stephen King or Deon Koontz. I have developed my own style no strictly set genre.. I write for topic and to make myself think of the world in a different way.

Groups, writing groups in particular are good for the soul. It gives others the chance to hear your work read out. You also get the chance to hear others reading. I like hearing the others because through their writing you get a deeper understanding of their personalities.

Love, romance, war and horror are commonplace at Borderland Voices, but so is the laughter we all share together.

Jason

## Why do I write?

If I didn't write I think I would go mad. When those words are on the page they are out, they can't do me any more harm. Holding onto pain in whatever form can only prove debilitation. If I'm angry with someone or something I can produce many pages of bile, but as long as I screw them up and ignite them with match or lighter no-one gets hurt. That's the healing bit. The most enjoyable part is reminiscing about past times of fun and laughter. These I can keep and read over and over as if reliving the moments.

Hate, resentment, love, nostalgia, past hilarity. It all churns itself out and I feel unburdened, lighter in spirit. Any danger has past onto the page, setting me free.

*Pauline*