

# The writing shop on HollysWritingClasses.com is now live

By Holly Lisle

Even though my new Holly's Writing Classes site is still in high beta, I'm delighted to finally have the writing shop open.



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We haven't made the site pretty yet, and for the moment the shop is very plain and simple (no frills), but things work now.

So I've brought back many of my previous classes, and am still working on getting the rest of them live.

I'm also building new workshops and classes.

The one I'm working on currently is **Title. Cover. Copy. Book Marketing for Fiction Writers.**

That's going to go live in the next couple of weeks. Following that will be a workshop on developing your writing voice.

I'm excited. It's taken a long time to get to this point, but I'm glad to finally be here.

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And a quick note. **Both How To Think Sideways** and **How to Write A Series** are coming back, but are not back yet. Both classes are so big that we're having to develop better ways for students to navigate through them easily.

Just getting from page to page was a problem in previous versions. That will not be a problem when they go live on this site.

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# **Before the Battle, I Forget #wabwm**

By Holly Lisle

I forget I can't do everything.

I forget I can't work sixteen hours straight every day with no days off for two weeks without paying a price.

I forget that when I am doing a massive website overhaul, with software testing, course setup, and course formatting and production going on simultaneously, I lose my creative side.

I forget, and plan to write, too.

And then I'm in the thick of it, and I remember.

I spent the last two weeks nonstop, working with Margaret every day to get **7-Day Crash-Revision Workshop** finished and set up, and last Tuesday, I remembered all the things I'd previously forgotten.

Last week, excluding Monday, I got 36 words. And I got them all on Saturday.

My objective for today? Find my way back into the point where I left off on **Create A World Clinic**, and get 1000 words or so this morning.

P.S. Massive thanks to Margaret, who was building the last bits of the software I was testing as I was getting everything else ready, and then when I took it live, and then AS PEOPLE WERE BUYING THE COURSE, to make sure everyone got their course in a timely fashion.

Last week's course was the test to make sure I had a new home for HTTS, HTRYN, and HTWAS. Now we know that I do.

And take a nap today. I'm STILL fried.

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# Back! Survived my journey through Heck. #wabwm

By Holly Lisle

Margaret (my amazing tech wizard) and I have been working fourteen-to-sixteen hour days regularly for a while, and the last week has been dawn-to-pass-out with neither of us doing anything else.

But the end result is that the software she built for me that will allow me to offer all my multi-lesson courses in classrooms with all the goodies right in place and lessons delivered on a schedule...

...well, it works.

Our live test was 7-Day Crash-Revision Workshop, which accepted a small group of students on Wednesday, and a larger group on Thursday.

The software still has some rough edges—it can be slower than we anticipated in getting students into their classes—but she's programming a fix for that now, and I've figured out faster ways to get to students with fixes for problems.

By the time **How To Think Sideways Ultra** goes live, it should be pretty smooth.

In celebration, I'm writing on **Create A World Clinic** today.

Don't even remember my last word count.

But there will be words today. And on the weekend. That's what I'm doing for fun before I start building the **HTTS Ultra course** into the classrooms next Monday afternoon. Because there will be words on MONDAY, too. ☐

## **Almost there on 7-Day Crash-Revision Workshop #wabwm**

By Holly Lisle

Still scrambling to get the **7-Day Crash-Revision Workshop** done and up. About there.

Have done a bunch of words over the weekend, but these don't count. Looking forward to getting back to **Create A World Clinic**. ☐

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## **Weekend “Write A Book With Me” Feb 1-3**

By Holly Lisle

Margaret and I are doing the push to finish testing on the classroom; no words yesterday, won't be any today or tomorrow. We're close to done, but not there yet.

Hope you're getting lots, though. And good ones, too.

# Waylaid by Downton Abbey #wabwm

By Holly Lisle

The work I got on **World Clinic** yesterday, all 2487 words of it :mrgreen:, will have to suffice for today as well.

The third series of **Downton Abbey** came out yesterday. Matt and I had discovered the show right after the new year, and had already been through the first two series (twice) since then. So yesterday after I finished work, we ran some necessary errands, then went to Best Buy and picked up Series 3.

And sat up ALL night, finishing one episode, me saying “Next,” Matt saying “You sure?” and us going to the next until he finally stopped asking and we just watched the whole thing. We finished at 5 AM.

Considering that I’d gotten up with the alarm at 6 AM the day before that made for a long day. So I decided to turn the alarm off (me getting into bed at 5:30, and it set to go off at 6). Slept until I woke up at 11 AM, starting work at noon.

I’ll go straight into site work and getting **7-Day Crash Revision Workshop** finished.

Goal today? Get to bed early tonight so I can get words tomorrow.

But it was worth it.

# Hit the Line World, happily #wabwm

By Holly Lisle

Yesterday, got 1296 words, split between worksheets and book text, on Create A World Clinic, and I'm now digging into the Line World.

I came up with a second "Instant World" demo *technique* for this, and today will be working out my actual demo. My Muse LOVES demos, because it means we get to write fiction and nonfiction at the same time.

Also got about 1500 words on the revision, update, and worksheets for 7-Day Crash Revision. I think I'm through the with the updates on that.

Goal today, 1000 or better. You?

Onward.

# **Today I start the Line World section of Create A World Clinic #wabwm**

By Holly Lisle

Starting with 11,271 words, including worksheets. Goal today is 1500 words, and the demo of how to build a line world.

Once I get those, I need to push toward completion on the Updated and Revised 7-Day Crash Revision Workshop.

How about you?

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# **Working on my focus with World Clinic #wabwm**

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Had a couple of weeks where I took off, then lost my focus when I got back. Yesterday, I finally got my feet under myself, and today I want to continue that.

Objective, 1000 words on World Clinic. And then the rest of the stuff. At this point I'm playing catch-up with getting old courses back online, plus putting the new versions of HTTS and 7-Day Crash Revision into the new system, so I haven't even been able to TOUCH my eventual work schedule.



But for now, I'm just working my list of to-dos, and putting the writing first.

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