Got The Tree Up Yesterday

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Finished decorating it this morning. Finished ordering presents yesterday. It'll be a small Christmas, but I'm looking forward to it. The kid started his holiday vacation today, and will be off through January 1st, so I'm cutting back on online stuff.

I've done a lot of work that doesn't show up but that makes the site run better the last two months, have added some new writing workshops to the store, (and other goodies), and have started putting together some cool site freebies.

The first two freebies are:

Holly Lisle's

CRITICAL SKILLS SERIES #1

Through And Use Life's Disasters

- 396 Books & Other Resources Writers Recommend to Kickstart Your Writing, Stand Your Thinking On Its Head, And Vastly Increase Your Ability to WRITE WHAT YOU KNOW
- The Professional Plot Outline

Along with the things you haven't seen, I've added new content to the store, and before the year closes, will be doing a major update/upgrade on 21 Ways To Get Yourself Writing When Your Life Has Just Exploded. The new version, which I'm editing now, expands the original book with exercises and examples of how to use every rotten thing that has ever happened to you, current or ancient history, to write

the best books you've ever written. New title, How To Write Through and Use Life's Disasters: Create Your Best Books From Your Worst Moments. This will be a free upgrade to the current book for everyone who already has it.

I've also gotten sidetracked from things I'd planned to do, and January is going to be my start at getting re-focused.

In January and February, I'll be finishing up **The Silver Door** (the frequently retitled sequel to **The Ruby Key**. Not sure if this is the final title, either.) And I'll be pitching the next book in the series.

I'll also be adding to the store the following workshops and writing course:



And I'll be doing the three-hour **How To Write Your Novel** online seminar, which got waylaid when I put together the **Writer's Block course** when discovered a friend of mine hadn't written in about two years. It's helped just about everybody but my friend. [beating head on desk].

Finally, I'd like to at least start putting together **How To Think Sideways**, the thing I do upon which my entire career has survived. It'll be a full course, and include things like how to switch genres, how to keep writing during lean times, how

to know when a market is wrong for you, how to keep a writing career going... Lotta stuff. Don't know if I'll be able to finish it in 2008, but I intend to give it my best shot.

That's my plan for 2008. What about you?

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