

WriteForKids.org's 10 Declarations For The 21st Century Children's Author

1. I will **always** remain positive. I will persevere.
2. I will **not** fear new technology. I will, instead, view each new development as a potential outlet for my creativity and vision.
3. I will use my work to **impact the lives of children** around the world. I will entertain, I will inspire and I will inform through my words.
4. I will devote myself **entirely** to mastering the craft of great writing. The children of the world deserve my absolute best.
5. I will dedicate myself to improving **all the time**. I will keep learning, keep practicing and keep moving forward.
6. I will help – and be helped by – others who follow the path of writing for children. I recognize these men, women and young people not as competitors, but as **kindred spirits** treading the same path.
7. I will learn to embrace marketing and promotion, as they are my vehicles to reach more children and change more lives. I will **advocate** for my work and use all ethical means available to spread my message of hope, joy and inspiration.
8. I will surround myself with **positive, action-taking people** and model myself after writers who are making a huge impact in the world. I will remove negative people, doubters, haters, naysayers and complainers from my professional life.
9. I will be proud of having built a real writing business that helps support me and my family. Seeking to be paid fairly for one's art is a **noble endeavor**.
10. I will never shortchange myself, or stop believing that I can make a difference with my writing. I understand that superstar writers began exactly as I do — with desire, a hunger to learn and improve, and an attitude of perseverance, confidence and positivity.

I can do this. **I will do this.**

