

## How to become a writer. Learning from the best

19 of which fall on the first line of The New York Times bestsellers. You know Patterson for sure, even if you haven't read his novels. "And the Spider Came" a film based on one of his stories. Why am I doing this? And to the fact that you and I live in that happy (and amazing) time when we can "personally" learn from Patterson's writing skills. 22 video lessons from an idea to submitting a novel to a publishing house. I don't know what could be cooler. It is noteworthy that with the first novel Patterson himself was denied 37 publishers. But he did not back down. And now it is reaping the fruits of its determination.

### Well, since we have Patterson in the spotlight, keep a few striking quotes:

- Turn every page of your story into a full-fledged, independent thriller. "I try to make something exciting on every page." If nothing happens, I throw this page.
  - Do what you love. No matter what others say. My English teacher at school said I should stop writing. My first novel was rejected by 37 publishers. And then he received the prestigious Edgar Award (an award established in honor of Edgar Allan Poe - approx.ed.)
  - I am so glad that I did not give up because of other people's comments. I'm happy now. Because I see that my readers are happy. I did not give up, despite the refusal of 37 publishers. I knew that the first novel is good. And he was eventually published.
  - Today I have a job that I don't even perceive as work. It was an exciting journey every day. Every minute. And the journey continues.
  - Trust your intuition, but surround yourself with intelligent people whom you respect. "I know my readers." I know how to include them in reading. How to scare them to death. How to make them love my characters. How to make you laugh.
  - Work only with those you like.
  - I'm allergic to the "writer block." It's much better to keep trying, switching, developing new scenes, than getting stuck on one and not moving.
  - Our task is to teach children to read. This is not the task of teachers. Give the children a book that will hook and inspire them.
- And finally, a short video. "Visiting Patterson."  
How does the highest paid and most prolific writer work?

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