TLC Editorial

The Future of Literary Culture

You get to create your own future,
define your own literary culture.

The stories we tell and the poems we share
can build the world anew.

If the path meanders or disappears,
be a pathbreaker, create your own writer's way.

The future of literary culture is not AI
it's how we respond to tech bros
riding stock market waves on stolen IP.
It doesn't only exist in cliques
or hidden nooks on social media,
it's in bookstores and book groups,
writing circles and workshops.
It's online, in town, out in the sticks,
it's just round the corner from where you live.



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Your literary future is not abstract.
You show up in the present, do the work
even if it doesn't always look like writing,
some days it's a walk along the river
or through a park. You decide
what each day looks like,
what you want to keep doing,
stop doing, change. Experiment, innovate,
rules are yours to break.

It's not one future, not one literary culture.
It's multitudinous, expansive, and ever changing,
it has more than enough room for you.
You can do your own thing,
but you don't have to go it alone,
always make time to connect.

The future of literary culture is yours.
Yours to write, yours to inhabit;
invite your readers in.

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Keep Playing

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Remember the child within. Play!
Allow yourself to write nonsense, be trivial!
Sit side by side with silly and sincere.
Take time to observe.
Move more freely through the world,
more boldly too.
Laugh with your whole belly.
Be an open sky, shout ‘I AM A WRITER’
What joy!
Keep your quiet joy alive,
reinvent yourself regularly.
Write all of the things
you have been afraid to say.
Understand limitations
but don’t be confined by them.
Keep your writing true,
so others will share their truth.
Do what matters.
BE BOLD/ WRITE FREE/ LIVE CREATIVE!
Stay in the present moment.
Build and nourish community.
Embrace simplicity, embrace acceptance.
Take time to just be you; be the person you claim to be.
Argue less, ask questions more.
Write to connect.
Be kind to yourself.
Seek nourishment in nature.
Sew seeds of thought and water them,
hold the space for what wants to emerge.
Say *'no'* sometimes; say *'yes'* more.
Love yourself. Laugh. Smile.
Keep playing, Creatives.

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