

# From the Editor's Desk

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## Jeanne Contemplates Excuses.

Spring is not my favorite season. In fact, it's fourth on my list. I know that "April showers bring May flowers," but, in California, the weather can't seem to make up its mind. Too cold one day, too hot the next. On top of the flip-flopping climate, there's too much going on. I have three small kids and, in the spring, the end-of-the-school-year madness is going full force. They've got Open Houses, teacher conferences, recitals, and science fairs. In addition, the season of writers' conferences has begun. I've got to make travel reservations, order business cards, prepare my pitch... It's just too much!

No wonder, I reassure myself, no wonder I can't find the time to get my writing done.

Not to worry – summer's only a couple months away. Of course, then the kids'll be out of school, and I'll be scrambling for activities to keep them occupied in the 100 degree heat. Then there's the fall – my favorite season. Hmm, now that I think about it, the writing will be hard then, too. The school year will have begun, bringing with it the flood of homework, after school classes, and parent committees. And then it'll be winter – well, I might as well write that off right now. The holidays. Ugh. How can I be expected to get anything done?

Life conveniently provides me with a never-ending list of excuses not to write. The hardest part of being a writer, for me, is not to take advantage of those excuses. I'm not a recluse living in a cave. There's never going to be a time when I won't have people to take care of, an overflowing to-do list, and a bevy of tempting distractions. I have to write anyway.

This month's *Passionate Ink* newsletter is full of articles guaranteed to get you fired up to write, no matter what else you have going on. And check out the "Did you know..." column for information about how to get forum posts delivered to your email box as a "daily digest."

Water your seeds and your flowers will bloom.

See you in the summer,

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