

## NaNoWriMo â€“ The Return

### Description

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo, for short), and Iâ€™ve participated in it for the past number of years, but with a slight twist.

The purpose of NaNoWriMo is to force you to write a 50,000 word novel in just four short weeks.

But Iâ€™ve never done that. I always used NaNoWriMo to further the creation of my own novel, â€œThe Black.â€

I came up with the idea for the novel when I was in journalism school, and I started writing it on this very blog. It was fun, interesting and I knew exactly where I was going. Until about chapter two or three, where the book I ended up writing did not resemble the one that I had begun.

So, I decided to stop and spend some time thinking about exactly what I wanted my novel to be. I sat down and wrote an extremely complex timeline, then a plot summary, character descriptions, etc. My book was perfectly laid out in about ten pages. All that was left was to write it.

So, I basically took what I wrote previously as a guide, and started from scratch. Since then, I have been working on it on and off for years.

My problem is this â€“ as a writer and journalist, I spend all day writing, editing, reading and researching for work. So, when I get home, doing the same thing for hours can often feel like a bit of a chore. Sometimes, the words would just flow and I would have no problem writing and writing for hours at a time. Other times, Iâ€™d struggle to complete just one- if that.

That is not to say that I do not enjoy writing, as I do. If I didnâ€™t, I wouldnâ€™t be a writer and a journalist.

So, I used NaNoWriMo to not necessarily start a new project (though I do have two other ideas for a novel and a short story that Iâ€™m keeping in my back pocket), but to force myself to continue writing â€œThe Black.â€

And it worked, but I am nowhere even close to being done. At all.

But this month, I am going to try something different.

Instead of continuing to write â€œThe Black,â€ or even a new novel or story, Iâ€™m going to devote all that time to a new project I am developing. This project will require a lot of preparation, research and a whole host of other stuff.

But, I am extremely excited about it, and think it could be incredible. And I have some amazing people that have offered their skills, expertise and extensive experience to help me out with this.

What is it?

Well, that will remain a secret for now, until it launches. But if you know me (or follow this blog), youâ€™ll have a pretty good idea what it is about â€” \*cough\* animals \*cough.\*

Stay tuned!

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