

# One-on-One Writer Support: Writing Lessons and Story Coaching

## Packages (Per 4-Week Period)

Each of these 5 packages combines services that are described in detail under [Components](#) below. For policies and what to expect, check out the [How This Works](#) section. And [feel free to reach out](#) if you'd like to have a free 20-minute exploratory call or ask questions via email!

### Goals and Progress

#### The Accountability Buddy

This package focuses on making progress with your writing in a way that works for you! It's for people working on a novel or other specific project.

#### Tier 1 **\$100**

- 1 goals-focused Coaching Session
- Biweekly Homework OR weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging
- [Optional add-on: 1–2 Office Hour Chats at \$30 each]

#### Tier 2 (More Support) **\$220**

- 2 Coaching Sessions
- 2 Office Hours Chats
- Biweekly Homework OR weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging

### Writing Support for the Overwhelmed and Overextended

#### Keep the Flame Alive

What might it be like to have a reliable, safe, interpersonal space where your creative, writing self is the main event? This package is for parents, caregivers, people dealing with chronic health issues, people whose lives feel eaten up by gender transition or other queer-in-a-hostile-world experiences, people navigating through grief, teachers, and anybody else who needs to reconnect with their voice or creative spark—to write with support but without pressure. You're still in there, friend!

#### Tier 1 **\$100**

- 1 Coaching Session
- Biweekly Homework OR weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging

#### Tier 2 (More Support) **\$160**

- 2 Coaching Sessions
- Biweekly Homework OR weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging

#### Tier 3 (So Much Space!) **\$320**

- 4 Coaching Sessions
- Pre-Session Reading: Planning Documents *or* Draft Pages
- Biweekly Homework OR weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging

## Craft Skills

### Guitar Lessons but It's Writing!

This package focuses on writing craft and practice. It's for people who want to write more and explore their creativity, people who feel stuck and want to level up their skills and knowledge, or people working on a novel or other specific project and wanting targeted guidance.

#### Tier 1 **\$100**

- 1 craft-topic-focused Coaching Session
- Biweekly Homework OR Pre-Session Reading: Planning Documents *or* Draft Pages

#### Tier 2 (More Support) **\$210**

- 2 Coaching Sessions
- Written Feedback (On Style, Mechanics, and Other Paragraph- and Sentence-Level Issues *or* On Big-Picture, Story-Level Issues)
- Biweekly Homework OR Pre-Session Reading: Planning Documents *or* Draft Pages

## Planning and Early Drafting

### Let's Get This Party Started!

This package focuses on helping you start writing your novel. It's for people at the idea-generation, planning, or staring-at-a-blank-page stages, or who are stalled out or going verry slooowly in early drafting.

#### Tier 1 **\$140**

- 1 Coaching Session
- Pre-Session Reading: Planning Documents (or, if desired in a second or later month, Pre-Session Reading: Draft Pages)
- Biweekly Homework OR weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging
- [Optional add-on: 1–2 Office Hour Chats at \$30 each]

#### Tier 2 (More Support) **\$240**

- 2 Coaching Sessions
- Pre-Session Reading: Planning Documents (for session 1)
- Pre-Session Reading: Draft Pages (for session 2)
- Biweekly Homework OR weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging
- [Optional add-on: 1–2 Office Hour Chats at \$30 each]

## Revision Process

### The Revision Strategist—and Cheerleader, Too

This package focuses on revision planning and forward motion with the revision process. It's for people who have completed a manuscript and are struggling to revise, overwhelmed or confused

by feedback, or otherwise in need of a knowledgeable and encouraging guide for this next part of the journey.

#### Tier 1 **\$130**

- 1 Coaching Session
- 1 Office Hours Chat
- Biweekly Homework OR weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging

#### Tier 2 (More Support) **\$260**

- 2 Coaching Sessions
- 2 Office Hours Chats
- Pre-Session Reading: Draft Pages (for session 2)
- Biweekly Homework OR weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging

#### Tier 3 (The Biggest Boost) **\$380**

- 4 Coaching Sessions
- Written Feedback: On Big-Picture, Story-Level Issues
- Written Feedback: On Style, Mechanics, and Other Paragraph- and Sentence-Level Issues
- Weekly Email Check-In OR Voice Messaging

## Components

### Coaching Session

- Pre-session check-in questionnaire to help you gather your thoughts and reflect productively, and to let me know what you're needing, wanting, dreaming, and achieving
- 30 minutes on Zoom (or text chat in Discord), personalized to your goals and whatever you and your project need most right now
- Post-session email from me with meeting notes and next steps, within 48 hours of our meeting

### Office Hours Chat

- 30 minutes on Zoom (or text chat in Discord), no session prep or wrap-up email
- For when you have questions, want to talk through an idea, or need help brainstorming solutions for an annoying writing problem!

### Pre-Session Reading: Draft Pages

- Review of up to 4,000 words of fiction draft/manuscript to discuss in session
- Please get me your words at least 3 business days before our scheduled coaching session.

### Pre-Session Reading: Planning Documents

- Review of up to 2,000 words of planning documents to discuss in session
- Please get me your words at least 3 business days before our scheduled coaching session.

### Written Feedback: On Style, Mechanics, and Other Paragraph- and Sentence-Level Issues

- Written feedback on up to 2,000 words, attending to issues in the general neighborhood of style—think voice, clarity, precision, readability, flow, point of view, and more—and mechanics, focusing on whatever you want and/or whatever the writing currently needs.
- Please get me your words at least 5 business days before our scheduled coaching session.

- You'll receive my feedback in Comments and Track Changes on your Word document at least 24 hours before our next session; then we can talk about any questions or ideas it's raised for you.

### Written Feedback: On Big-Picture, Story-Level Issues

- Written feedback on up to 4,000 words (with an option for up to 8,000 words, priced separately), attending to big-picture issues such as plot, structure, conflict, character arc, point of view, pacing, theme, worldbuilding, and genre conventions.
- Please get me your words at least 5 business days before our scheduled coaching session.
- You'll receive my feedback in an email (and possibly some Comments and Track Changes on your Word document, if appropriate to the issues I'm noticing) at least 24 hours before our next session; then we can talk about any questions or ideas it's raised for you.

### Voice Messaging

- Stay in touch with voice messages (recorded and sent through Discord direct messages). This is useful for people who like to think things through aloud, who have an easier time formulating questions this way rather than in writing, or who feel motivated by the connection of voice-to-voice communication. You can commit to a schedule or reach out whenever you want.
- Includes up to 30 minutes/month of voice messages from you, plus voice responses from me within 2 business days.

### Email Check-Ins

- A weekly, personalized nudge on the day of your choice, bugging you (but, like, in a nice way!) about your goals, deadlines, or writing life. Then you let me know how things are going, have a nice brag, and rework any goals that need it.

### Homework (The Fun Kind!)

- Every other week (so, twice per coaching month), you'll receive a relevant, personalized writing prompt, revision exercise, resource to explore, or other creativity or skills boost, via email. Send me your responses if you want and get gold stars! We can also look at or talk about your homework-based realizations and questions during our sessions.

## How This Works

- **Getting to know each other:** Unless we already know each other, we'll start with a free 20-minute exploratory call to figure out whether I'm the right support person for you. If not, I can direct you toward ways to find somebody else (or possibly even refer you to one of my amazing colleagues)! This will happen via Zoom unless we agree to some alternative.
- **Putting it in writing:** If we both feel good about this, we'll sign a contract. I'll also ask you for a bunch of information about your writing life and coaching needs/dreams.
- **Our first session together** will focus on goal-setting. The idea is to work out where you are, what you're trying to do, and what will help you do it! Every session will end with some version of goal-setting or vision of concrete next steps.
- **Minimum initial payment:** When we start working together, your first payment will be \$300 (or more, if the first 4 weeks of services exceed that amount). That amount applies

to coaching services we contract for in the coming month(s) until it is used up. You don't have to decide exactly what those services will be ahead of time.

- After that, current clients (people who've had coaching or editorial services with me within the past 3 months) can simply pay for the 4 weeks to come.
- Please note that, although clients are welcome to take time off coaching for independent work applying what we've discussed and/or to reduce cost over time, the \$300 initial payment must be used within 6 months. The payment will not be refunded, except in the unlikely event that I cannot continue providing coaching services (in which case I will refund the unused amount).
- If you want to work together and can commit to an ongoing coaching process, but you cannot pay \$300 in one go due to financial constraints, let's talk about it. (I have certainly been there!)
- **Services do not "roll over" from month to month.** Please use all the components of your 4-week package during those 4 weeks! If life explodes on you, be in touch.
- **Email communication:** Clients are always welcome to email me (as an accountability measure for you or to let me know what's up), but we'll generally discuss any issues beyond scheduling concerns during our coaching sessions.
- **Cancellation:** If you need to cancel a scheduled session, please let me know via email at least 48 hours in advance—longer if at all possible—so that we can reschedule. If an emergency happens, tell me as soon as possible and we'll work together to figure something out.
- **Missed sessions:** If for whatever reason you do not show up at a scheduled session, I will spend that time working on an email to you based on your pre-session form (if available) and everything else I know about you and your work. The session will not be rescheduled or refunded.
- **Internet failure:** If our session is interrupted by tech issues, and we are able to reconnect within 5 minutes, we'll extend the session to make up for the hiccup. If we can't reconnect in that time, we can either reschedule the remaining session time or finish up via email.

**Wait, what rolls over and what doesn't, and what about that \$300?:** A example may help! Let's say Vesper is a new coaching client who starts with Writing Support for the Overwhelmed and Overextended Tier 1 (\$100/4-week coaching period), does that for two months, and then gets excited about a project and switches to Planning and Early Drafting Tier 1 (\$140).

- Vesper's initial \$300 covers all of the first two months plus part of the third one. A payment of \$40 (the difference) is due before our third 4-week coaching period. Then the total for the fourth month is due ahead of that period's services, and so on.
- However, Vesper cannot 'save' the coaching session from one 4-week coaching period and double up in the next one, or roll voice messaging minutes over from one period to the next. The services we agree to for a given period can only be used during that period.

**Interested, but the packages aren't quite perfect?**

**We can personalize them or build one from scratch just for you—be in touch!**