## ALIVENTURES SPRING WRITING CHALLENGE

# WELCOME!The challenge runs from Monday 24th April – Sunday<br/>21st May. You'll receive weekly emails each Monday to<br/>keep you on track, and you can participate in our<br/>Facebook group at any time:<br/><br/>facebook.com/groups/springwritingchallenge

Welcome to the Spring Writing Challenge!

I'm so pleased you've joined us. Whether you're new to writing and looking for some support as you get started, or you're an experienced writer wanting a little boost, we're here for you.

Remember, you can post in the Facebook group at any time – but you're particularly encouraged to come by to introduce yourself and share your goals before the challenge kicks off on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

#### facebook.com/groups/springwritingchallenge

### Spring Writing Challenge Dates

Stay on track with these key dates:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> — Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Registration is open

#### By Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Set your goals for the challenge

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>: Week 1 of the challenge

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Week 2 of the challenge

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Week 3 of the challenge

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Week 4 of the challenge

By Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Share your overall progress!

## Setting Goals for the Challenge

You can set any kind of goal you want for the four week challenge.

- You can set an overall goal (e.g. "write a short story"), a weekly goal (e.g. "write 2000 words/week") or a daily goal (e.g. "edit 2 pages each day"). Whatever works for you!
- Your goal doesn't necessarily have to involve writing (drafting). You might want to use the writing challenge for a different phase of the writing process, like editing, proofreading, or researching.
- If you often find yourself setting overly ambitious goals, you might want to set yourself a very achievable "minimum" goal as well as an "ideal" goal. That way, you can still celebrate even if things don't go quite as well as you planned.

I'd encourage you to pick *one* project to work on for the challenge, rather than switching between two. What could you commit to for the next four weeks?

## Checking In On Facebook

Each weekend, I'll post the weekly "check in" thread. Once you're ready, just pop a reply on that thread to let us know how you got on that week.

Optionally, I'll tag you in the check in thread to remind you to tell us how you're getting on. I can also message you to gently ask how things are going if you don't check in, if you'd like that extra accountability.

## Taking Part By Email

If you'd prefer to take part by email rather than Facebook, that's fine: just fill in the form here and you'll be all set: <u>https://forms.gle/Gjnctvm8aacB6UYJ9</u>

(Excuse the funny looking link, it's just a short link to the form on Google Forms.)