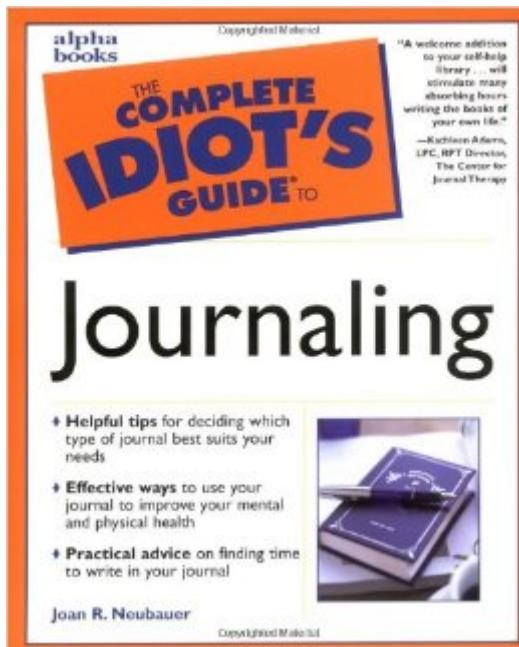


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Journal writing is an area I've been interested in for quite awhile, and I've read several books on the subject. I was disappointed by this book. It spends a lot of time categorizing different kinds of journals, such as the log journal, the unsent letter journal, and the cathartic journal, but I couldn't fit my journal writing into any of the categories and thought that a better approach might be to combine several of the approaches into your journal, an idea which is only mentioned briefly near the end of the book. Such rigid categorization goes against my idea of what a journal should be - in addition to the many categories of journals, there is a section on setting up a journal schedule where you map out the days of the week and times of day you will write in each of your journals, if you have more than one - and while this approach may work for others, I think that fitting my journal writing into categories and schedules would inhibit my creativity and make me like the process of journal writing less. I also didn't like this book's strict adherence to the idea that you should force yourself to write

every day for a certain amount of time to get yourself into the habit. I'm not saying this isn't a good thing to do - I think that in many cases it would be - but I don't think journal writing should be something you force yourself to do. If you start out with that mentality, it's less likely that you'll have fun with writing in your journal. The book says that deciding to keep a journal is making a commitment, and that if you don't think you can stick to a regular writing schedule then maybe you shouldn't make that sort of commitment. I disagree with this.

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