



KEMPS' KWIK

MEMOIR WRITING

Top 5 Do's

1. Journal. Start small, write a memory a day.
2. Think you're interesting. If you don't, who will?
3. Talk to people. It jogs your memory.
4. Get used to talking about yourself. It's your story.
5. Remember, it's not about you. You are a character, but there should be a greater point.

Top 5 Don'ts

1. Include every moment since you were born.
2. Become a slave to chronological order.
3. Be afraid to tell the truth.
4. Worry about hurting people's feelings.
5. Become a slave to the truth.

Top 5 Must Have's

1. An interesting point of view/perspective
2. Something to say
3. A storyteller's spirit
4. The ability to let things go
5. A spark of creativity

KEMPS' Golden Memoir Rule

A good memoir starts with a great story!

Everyone has a story, but not everyone has a great story. A memoir speaks to more than just you and contributes something to its readers. To create a memoir, you need to find the connection between you and your reader and pull them into your life so they can see the world just a little bit differently when they turn the final page.
