



New Book “Finished”

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A few weeks ago I finished my second book, which means that- if it's ever published- you'll get to read it sometime in the future. Pretty vague, huh?

Finished, of course, is a relative term. If the publisher picks it up, it will go through editing, which is a process that can take time, but is one that I really don't mind at all. The feedback is good, and in the end I really want to produce something that connects with the reader. As a writer, I think proof-readers and editors are essential.

✘ As of now, the new book hasn't even gone to the publisher, who will yay or nay the idea. With *My Pet Virus*, I'd written a good portion of the text before submitting to a publisher, but with fiction (the next book is a vampire story) you have to write the whole thing first, unless you are Stephen King.

For him, a text message to his publisher is probably enough to get the green light: “Got this idea about a haunted boat...” “*GREAT! Let's do it.*”

In closing, I have never worked so hard on something in my life. *My Pet Virus* was written over the course of four years, with lots of breaks which gave clarity to some of the stories within. This time, I wrote and edited for nine months, non-stop. And I'm really happy with how the story turned out.

Of course, all updates about the journey to publication will be chronicled here. Hopefully that story, like *My Pet Virus*, has a happy ending.

Positively Yours,

Shawn

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