



Hello, First name / friend !

It's a brand-new year, and wonder awaits! I love January's crisp, white spaces and the clarity that comes in the quiet days that follow the busy holiday season.

On New Year's Day, when I was watching the feeder to see whether cardinal or bluebird would be the first to flit in, a doe and her just-past-speckled fawn ambled by my window. And I thought: *Anything can happen this year. It's happening already!*

And that brings me again (always!) to the wisdom of Rilke: **“Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror. Just keep going. No feeling is final.”**

And now, it's BACK! Your...

# Tuesday 2- Minute Writing Tip!

In 2023 I offered twenty Tuesday 2-Minute Writing Tips on my Youtube channel. This year I'm adding to the series!

## **TUESDAY** 2-Minute Writing Tip



**Episode  
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"5 Traits  
of  
Successful  
Writers"

*presented by Irene Latham*

# TODAY'S TIP: 5 TRAITS OF SUCCESSFUL WRITERS

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Thanks so much for reading. Happy New Year with love!

# -Irene



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