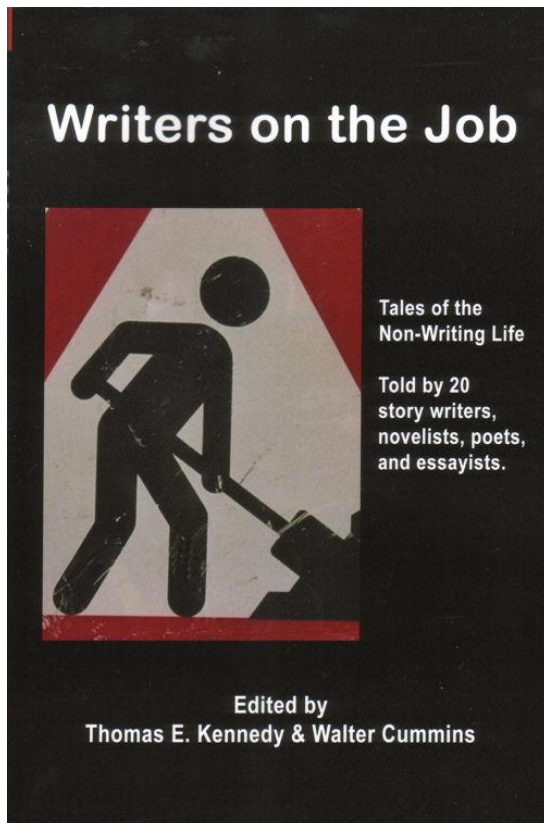


Writers on the Job



Dancing with a beefy biker while dressed in a pink bunny outfit, transporting vials of blood at high speed, modeling shampoo and cigarettes, giving sexual advice to a 62-year-old virgin, and jumping out of airplanes into enemy territory are just some of the occupations described in *Writers on the Job*. But even the tales of less surprising alternatives (waitressing, factory work, office jobs, hotel and kitchen work, lab jobs, truck driving, crane operation, school teaching, burger flipping at McDonald's [I'm hatin' it]) achieve surprising and delightful and sometimes terrifying dimensions when told by the 20 dedicated and witty wordsmiths in this collection.

Because only a tiny percentage of serious writers earn a living from their craft, most authors have no alternative but to seek alternatives that pay better than the nickel an hour they get for their writing (and many don't even see that nickel). Most writers are obsessed with putting words on paper and cannot *not* write, so they need to supplement their scant writing incomes to feed, shelter and clothe themselves and their families, provide medical care for their pets, and buy ink for their printers.

The story writers, novelists, poets, and essayist in *Writers on the Job* -- Renée Ashley, Barry Blumenfeld, Duff Brenna, Paul Casey, Walter Cummins, Roger J. Derham, Catherine Doty, Robert Gover, Alice Maud Gulbrandsen, David Memmott, Mark Hillringhouse, Thomas E. Kennedy, Christopher Klim, Thomas McCarthy, Laurie Stone, Susan Tekulve, William Warner, Gordon Weaver, Ronna Wineberg, Cecilia Woloch – among them have published shelves of books and won a host of awards. But talent alone doesn't – as Gordon Weaver puts it in his essay – feed the bulldog.

Fortunately for the reader, their talent serves them well as they tell the tales of their alternative, money-earning lives in *Writers on the Job*.

The collection will be released in July 2008 by Hopewell Publications at www.HopePubs.com. More information is available at info@HopePubs.com.