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## Interview with Adrian Fogelin

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Meet Adrian Fogelin, young adult novelist. Fogelin became a full-time writer in the fall of 2001, and currently lives in Tallahassee, Florida. I had the privilege of meeting Fogelin when she visited my English class in middle-school, and I've read three of her books (*Crossing Jordan*, *Anna Casey's Place in the World*, and *The Sorta Sisters*) which I really enjoyed. For more info about Fogelin, her novels, and the community library she created, visit her [website](#) or [blog](#)! In the following interview, Fogelin talks about her own writing life and offers advice to fellow writers.

**What is your greatest challenge while writing, and how do you overcome it?**

The greatest challenge is dealing with the slump that hits in the middle of a book. It is easy to start a book and easy to finish one but the middle can sag. I often solve it by writing the end before the middle. That way I know where I'm going.

**How do you motivate yourself to write consistently? What is your writing process like (do you outline, or create a detailed plan?)**

I have written for so long now that it has become a daily habit. A habit is something you just do, so I don't have to worry about motivation. I sit in this chair and I write. As for process I am NOT a planner. I am what I call a blurter. I get the germ of an idea and I begin to write. I follow where the idea takes me.

**Are you a fan of sharing what you've written during the "early stages," and asking for advice? If so, who has the privilege of reading your first drafts?**

Like most writers I belong to a writing group. We meet weekly and critique each others pages.

**What are the two most important traits writers can possess, and why?**

They must be good observers and listeners – stories usually begin with real life. They have to love to write – the rewards can be small or nonexistent; few writers get published. They have to be disciplined. It takes a lot of work to write a book. They have to be able to handle criticism and rejection – there is lots of both in this business! They have to listen to their inner writer. Although other people's opinions



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are important, the voice inside the writer is one that should ultimately make the decisions.

**What do you believe is the greatest myth about succeeding in the writing/publishing world?**

That you should look at the trends in what is selling and follow them. Vampires are so last week!

**What do you love most about living in Tallahassee, Florida?**

I love the landscape of large oaks and the combination of temperate and tropical plants. But best I love my home neighborhood which is the source of most of my stories.



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