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Whether you decide to e-publish with garyjkelly.com or not, I sincerely wish you all the very best of luck with your efforts, and above all, offer this one piece of priceless advice: **Keep Writing!**

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