

Top Ten Reasons for Knowing that a Writer Is Not a Journalist - MabuhayRadio

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Top 10 reasons for knowing that a writer is not a journalist (based on some of the observations of Poet-pundit Fred Burce Bunao, my literary mentor):

10. The writer (who is actually a real-estate salesman) thinks that the Fourth Estate is the fourth branch of his industry – that is, after brokerage, escrow and title insurance.

9. The writer thinks that a newspaper article that is boxed is about boxing.

8. The writer believes that a newspaper article that is jumped (to another page) is about track and field.

7. The writer reckons that "literary gems" are the fancy-jewelry pieces worn by female journalists.

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6. The writer thinks that "media" is a singular noun and that its plural form is "medias," as in the socks worn by male journalists.

5. The writer practices the art of "copy editing" by copying verbatim from online sources and passing them as his own.

4. The writer assumes that plagiarism is a word associated with feudalism or capitalism or imperialism.

3. The writer considers cancer of the prostate as a sickness suffered by practitioners of prose and poetry. As in prostrated (sic) writer?

2. The writer (a self-proclaimed idiot, oops, editor), after forgetting to include the front-and-back covers in the CD (for the automated printing press), proclaims: "Never judge a book or a magazine by its cover or the lack of it."

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1. The writer thinks that the hyphen is found in the private part of a female journalist.

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