

Magazines are an integral part of a prisoner's days.

Now that I get published regularly, I read even more of them; plus I use them for research and study. My writing students peruse my old issues of literary journals for craft secrets, and knowledge.

"The delicate and infirm go for sympathy not to the well and buoyant, but to those who have suffered like themselves."

--Catherine Esther Beecher

Prisoners have a lot to teach the world; and while--yes--many prisoners still have a lot to learn from the world in which they failed to live, their mistakes, and sufferings, have within them stories worth voice. Anyone reading my blog has my permission to quote, or excerpt me, or flat out publish an entry elsewhere--though I do retain my rights as the author and expect credit to the work, and reference to its source--this blog. I don't write for money, I write because I'm a writer, and not writing is not an option for me.

With most of my publications so far; payments' been contributors issues, or a subscription. There haven't been many checks.... But one day, I'll land a big boy book deal. Even a small advance of a few hundred dollars would completely change my world. Sending me into a writing frenzy! One day, I'll have that printed book in my hand with J.E. Mahaffey on its cover. It's in me, in every cell of my body, every atom of by being--it's there. I exist to write.

I hope you enjoy reading my words.

They're just the beginning. I am not well, my life is at its low, my health delicate, my emotions infirm--my words will be of a suffered soul, read by many, understood by those kindred....

Those to publish my work may do so only in a positive way, nothing negative; and absolutely no authorities may use my words. A sheriff's employee or a prosecutorial connected publishing, or anything connected to "victims" family, advocacy, or anything of those natures: Would quickly find themselves in court, facing me, and they themselves financially responsible for the hearing. Anyone else in publishing, however, for positive outcome of my work ... is fine: For, one publishing.

Hundreds of thousands of people have read my words already, and those numbers are just going to keep growing; because I'm just going to keep at it: tapping away at the typewriter keys, or pen and pencil, whatever it takes. I seriously doubt this will all be for nothing. It's a positive thing; so something positive is bound to become of it. Every work I produce, seems to be an improvement upon the last.

Thank you for your time, and reading my words.

My offer of quote, excerpt, publishing: expires 02.14.15

But could be renewed by asking nicely :)

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