

The write decision

I was at a drinks party recently with some friends I'd been at school with. Now, all in our early twenties, we're beginning to set up our lives. The usual discussions of what everybody was up to occurred: some unemployed, others big in marketing and me, a writer attempting to make a living out of doing what I love. Telling them all my plans – my first novel process, the articles I write and the course I have begun – they could feel the excitement in my voice. They were grinning at my love for writing as if I had already made it as a published author, yet I know that I have a long way to go.

What struck me most was the response of one girl who is on a high marketing salary and lives in a posh London town house. She said: 'I would happily halve my salary to be doing something that I love,' and that urged me to keep going, feeling ever more certain that I am doing the right thing.

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