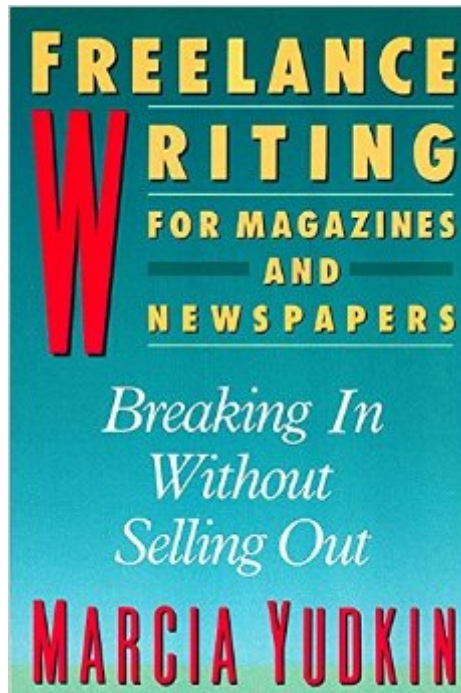


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even did some contributions to National Public Radio (All Things Considered) from Madrid. (Then I dashed it all in 1990 to become a fulltime ventriloquist....but that's another story!) I wish I had read THIS first! True, this book is NOT a primer for that kind of freelancing (which may not be possible now anyway given the shrinking "news hole" for foreign stories in the American media). This book is geared, as the cover states, "for educated people whose primary motivation for trying to get into print is the wish to effectively communicate their ideas, skills and discoveries in appropriate publications." But there's a wealth of helpful stuff crammed into this tightly-written book. Marcia Yudkin uses personal examples and anecdotes where she feels it's necessary and offers sound, solid, advice on not only the nuts and bolts of becoming a successful freelance but setting yourself up as a business -- and doing it with integrity. The words "journalism" and "integrity" are not always linked these days...so her approach is to lift the craft and develop the craftsmanship. Even if you don't totally like her approach, she includes a list of annotated resources for freelance writers that's worth the cost of this book. Many of these resources are additional how-to magazines and books.

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