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**An essential handbook for nonfiction writers, featuring the trusted personal writing exercises of today's masters of creative non-fiction, including Gay Talese, Reza Aslan, John Matteson, Tilar Mazzeo, and many more!**

Beginners and seasoned writers alike will relish the opportunity to use the top-notch writing exercises collected in *Now Write! Nonfiction* culled from the personal stashes of bestselling and critically-acclaimed nonfiction authors like legendary essayist Gay Talese (*Thy Neighbor's Wife*), *New York Times*-bestselling authors Ishmael Beah (*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*) Reza Aslan (*No God but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam*), and Tilar Mazzeo (*The Widow Clicquot*), 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winner John Matteson (*Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Father*), creative nonfiction icon Lee Gutkind (*Creative Nonfiction* magazine), and many other top memoirists, journalists, and teachers of creative nonfiction, these exercises offer fresh ideas for every facet of creative nonfiction writing, from pushing through writers block to organizing a story, capturing character to fine-tuning dialogue, injecting new life into a finished piece to starting a new work from scratch.

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\*Explore the importance of cultural nuance in language with Ishmael Beah

\*Discover Lee Gutkind's simple trick, performed with a highlighter, that can help any writer identify whether their piece is truly showing action, or just telling

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