

# The Storyteller's Creed

*I BELIEVE THAT IMAGINATION IS STRONGER THAN KNOWLEDGE.  
THAT MYTH IS MORE POTENT THAN HISTORY.  
THAT DREAMS ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN FACTS.  
THAT HOPE ALWAYS TRIUMPHS OVER EXPERIENCE.  
THAT LAUGHTER IS THE ONLY CURE FOR GRIEF.  
AND I BELIEVE THAT LOVE IS STRONGER THAN DEATH.*

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## The Writer's Prayer By Sandy Tritt

**O**pen my mind, Lord. Grant me the talent to write with clarity and style, so my words go down rich and smooth, and leave my reader thirsty for more.

**O**pen my heart, Lord. Grant me the sensitivity to understand my characters—their hopes, their wants, their dreams—and help me to confer that empathy to my reader.

**O**pen my soul, Lord, so I may be a channel to wisdom and creativity from beyond my Self. Stoke my imagination with vivid imagery and vibrant perception.

**B**ut most of all, Lord, help me to know the Truth, so my fiction is more honest than actuality and reaches the depths of my reader's soul.

**W**rap these gifts with opportunity, perseverance, and the strength to resist those who insist it can't be done.

Amen. ~ Sandy Tritt