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Life is short, we never know how long we have, if you asked me twenty years ago about my aspirations, it would be quite a different story compared to what I would say now. With age comes experience and perspective, some good, some not so good.

It would be safe to say I was always a creator, a competent musician and teacher in my youth, with a year twelve-year book listing me most likely to be a prominent musician of some description. This path was stopped for me, by something that many of us suffer from.

Fear...

And with that what was something I loved slowly slipped away, overtaken by family, work, life in general really, and gradually the time for all of that disappeared as there always seemed to be something else more pressing.

Now I look at things differently. I don't forget myself as much, (although I still do sometimes!) and a few years back I got to thinking about writing I enjoyed English as a teen, although not that great at it! But I used writing then as therapy, it got me through a lot of challenges, both the good, and the bad.

I see stories, always have I think, hope that doesn't make me crazy! Have always loved a good book and film, storytelling, and its myriad of forms.

But as I said earlier, I have found a new pace in my world now, where I have set out to accomplish something I have thought about for quite a while. The skills I have gained through working with others and working for myself I hope to put to work alongside refining my ability to tell a story.

Why I write? Well I could say I am passionate about it, I could say something like I have a goal and I'm going to hit it or I just love it perhaps?

All of these are partly true, but the core reason is this, I love good stories, and I think all of us enjoy good stories. So if I can create something that gives a little joy, a little bit of inspiration, or one of my character's challenges resonate with someone and gives them a leg up, well that, my friends, would make me happy.