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The Gift of Memoir is Diane Taylor's gift to writers of every kind, but especially those with a personal or family story to tell. In words that are themselves a stellar example of literary craftsmanship, Taylor shows writers how to show up, open up, and write. Her short chapters, full of practical advice and inspiring examples, cover such topics as:

- The all-importance of reading to writing
- Establishing a writing ritual
- Why write memoir?
- The importance of joining a writing community
- Telling the truth when you aren't sure
- Journaling as a kind of personal writing workshop
- Four strategies to retrieve memories
- How to use anecdotes and establish themes
- How to write through the five senses
- How to choose a form that fits your writing
- The revision process

EDITORIAL REVIEWS

"Every writer can benefit from reading Diane Taylor's wonderfully clear, down-to-earth, practical, and inspiring book. But for the memoirist, in particular, Taylor's expertise is invaluable."

--**PHILIP MARCHAND**, *National Post* books columnist and author of *Ghost Empire: How the French Almost Conquered North America*

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--**CYNTHIA REYES**, author of *A Good Home: A Memoir* and award-winning journalist and broadcaster

"What's that saying? 'Plant a tree, raise a child, write a book.' Anyone contemplating that last task would do well to start with this fine book by Diane Taylor."

--**LAWRENCE SCANLAN**, author of twenty books, including *A Year of Living Generously* and *Wild About Horses*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

DIANE TAYLOR is the author of the memoir *The Perfect Galley Book: Yarns, Recipes and Tips from the Heart of the Ship* and has published non-fiction stories in *Canadian Yachting*, *Cruising World*, *The Journal of Palliative Care*, *Ontario Out of Doors*, and other magazines and newspapers. She has recorded oral histories, and ghostwritten memoirs for elders. For more than fifteen years she has been giving a course in memoir writing, encouraging others to write their own stories.

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