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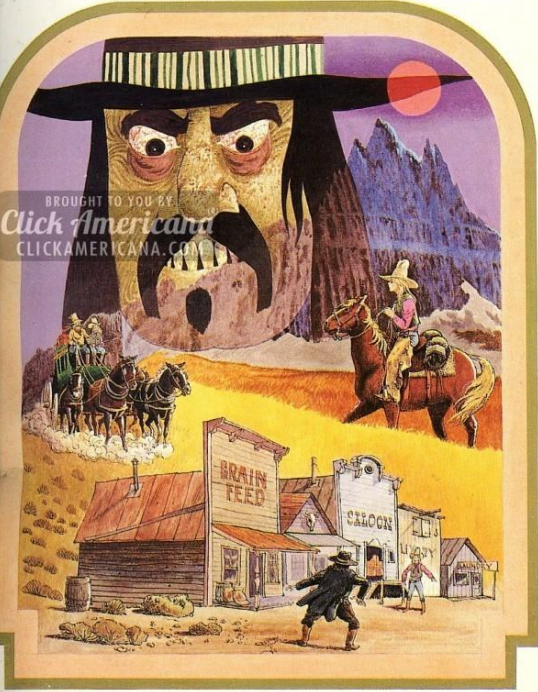


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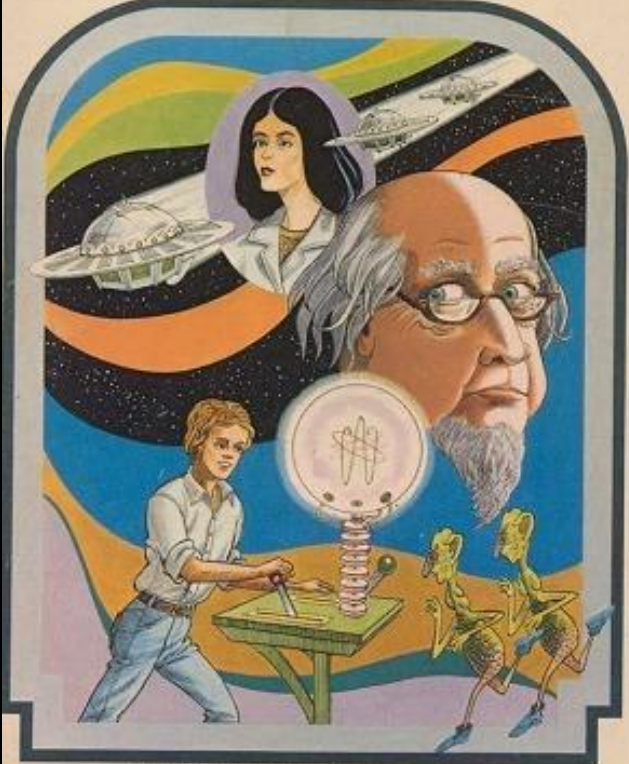
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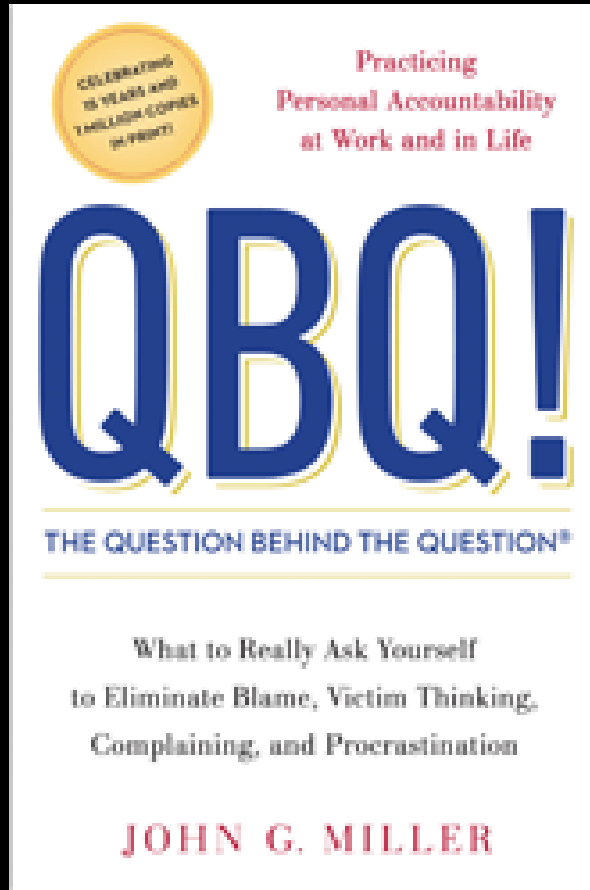
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“I really want to write romance novels, but I am afraid that everyone will think less of me.”



“The idea that we are accountable for our own choices and are free to make better ones is fundamental ... Sometimes people think they have no choice. They’ll say things like, “I have to” or “I can’t.” But we always have a choice. Always. Even deciding not to choose is making a choice. Realizing this and taking responsibility for our choices is a big step toward making great things happen in our lives.”

Am I going to write today?

When am I going to write
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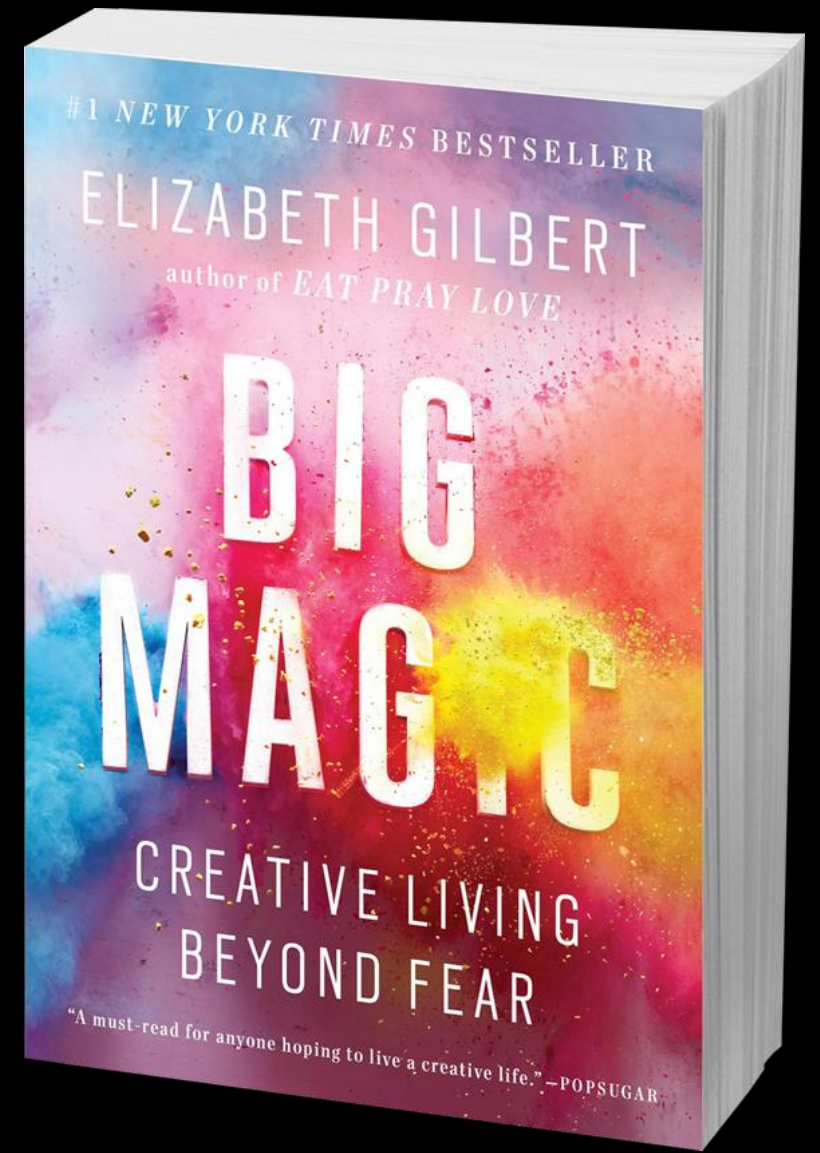
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value on your work, no
one is going to do
that for you."

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Am I going to listen to my fear?

“Your fear will always be triggered by your creativity, because creativity asks you to enter into realms of uncertain outcomes, and fear hates uncertain outcomes.”
Elizabeth Gilbert



What am I going to write?

BOOKS WITH BLING

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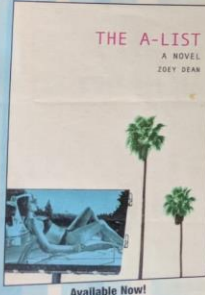
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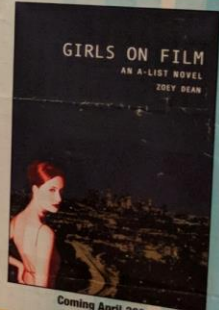


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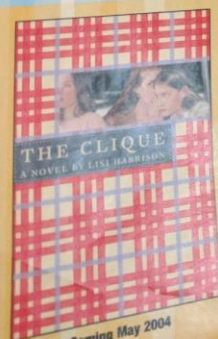
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What kind of attitude will I
have?



“Then one day I started writing, not knowing that I had chained myself for life to a noble but merciless master. When God hands you a gift, he also hands you a whip; and the whip is intended solely for self-flagellation.”

-Truman Capote

Am I going to keep growing?



“Every life form seems to strive to its maximum except human beings. How tall will a tree grow? As tall as it possibly can. Human beings, on the other hand, have been given the dignity of choice. You can choose to be all or you can choose to be less. Why not stretch up to the full measure of the challenge and see what all you can do?”

Am I willing to fail?

Don't be afraid.



I look back at my career so far, and I'm very proud of it. I was constantly running, constantly working, constantly thinking. And I did cover a lot of ground. But I can see now that one of the reasons I ran so fast was because there was always something I was afraid of nipping at my heels: fear of failure, fear of not being good enough, fear of not selling enough books or getting enough good reviews.

If I could do it over again, I would like to try to reach for all these positive goals from a more positive place. I would like to slow down and enjoy the journey more rather than focusing so obsessively on the end goals. I think it would have helped me create healthier lifestyle habits along the way.

It's easy to lose the joy of writing amidst the frantic pursuit of success.

-K. M. Weiland