

## Bev's Mandatory Oath for Writers

I will never create Word Salad ... even if I'm being paid by the word.

If I am "precious" about a phrase or a word and I find myself vehemently defending it, I promise to dispatch it to The Great Beyond immediately.

I will always be willing to cut material. In fact, I insist.

I will always read my work out loud when I am finished with it.

I will always differentiate between *knowing* my glorious story and *writing* it, mindful always of my reader.

I will use my powers as a writer for good, not evil.

Every day I will back up my work TWICE in different media.

And I will never, I mean *NEVER* hold a reader hostage, trapped in my enthrallment with my own words.

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Signed and dated