

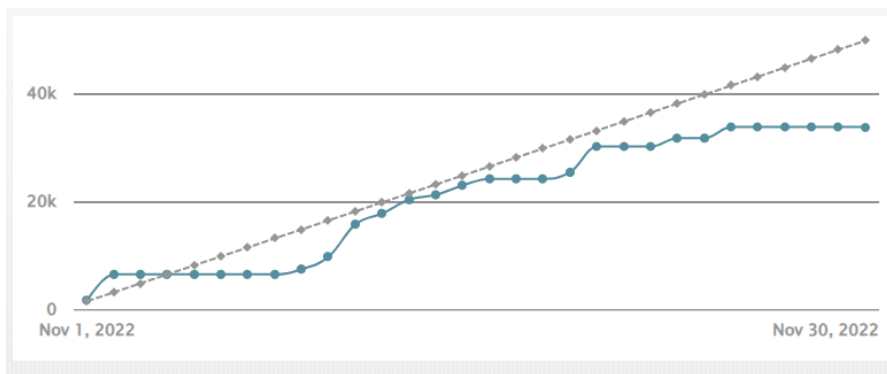
NaNoWriMo 2023: These Small Hours

WORD COUNT AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2023: 8284

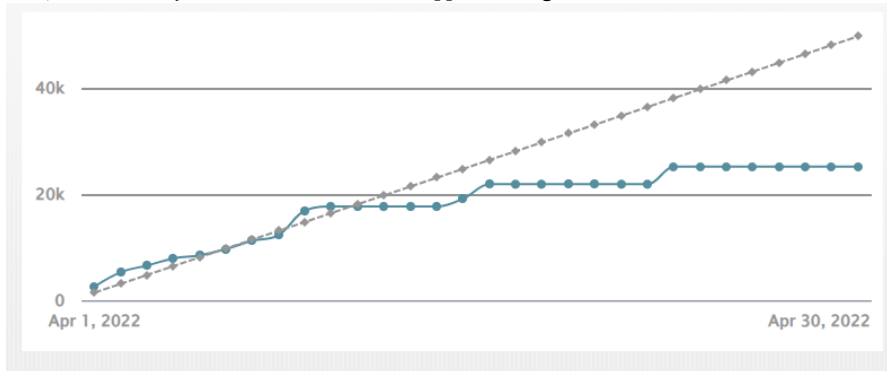
DIGITAL TRACKER, GOOGLE SHEETS

Date	Daily Check In	Progress
Wednesday, 1 November	I started writing later than I wanted to today – doctor's appointment, my brother stopped by to take out my other air conditioning unit, and then I had to cook dinner. But I still managed to get today's target, so I'm going to stop and finally relax. I had written Chapters 1 & 2 prior today so I started my writing session by rereading and getting myself back into the mindset of the story, then I wrote about half of my planned Chapter 3. It's really good start, and I'm glad that I had some scenes already written because it meant I could really hit the ground running. Looking forward to having more time tomorrow!	Today: 1789 Total: 1789
Thursday, 2 November	I wrote in two sessions today – one before dinner and one after. I finished Chapter 3 and started 4. I feel pretty good so far about everything, and it was nice to take a break and then come right back to it without feeling like I was missing anything. Right now, I'm just focusing on the target to stay on pace because it works well for my schedule, but I'm hopeful that my stamina will continue to pick up and I'll be able to push a bit more.	Today: 1715 Total: 3504
Friday, 3 Nov	Struggled a bit today, and I'm tired to be honest so I'm just glad I could still make my target even if I feel like I need to go back and look at this material later.	Today: 1725 Total: 5228
Saturday 4 Nov	Didn't blog on the actual day because I was so tired by the time I finished writing, lol.	Today: 1669 Total: 6897
Sunday, 5 Nov	Started Writing: 6:27 PM. Stopped: 7:15 I had Becky's event today, so I'm glad I was able to write something. If I had another hour, I might try to finish Chapter 5, but I'm pretty happy just meeting the daily target at this point.	Today: 1660 Total: 8557
Monday, 6 Nov	Started writing: 7:01 Stopped 7:51 Really hoping to write a bit earlier so I can write longer, but just glad that I can write at all! Finished Chapter 4 and started Chapter 5. Broke 10k which means I am 20% of the way towards my goal, so that's great news :)	Today: 1787 Total: 10344

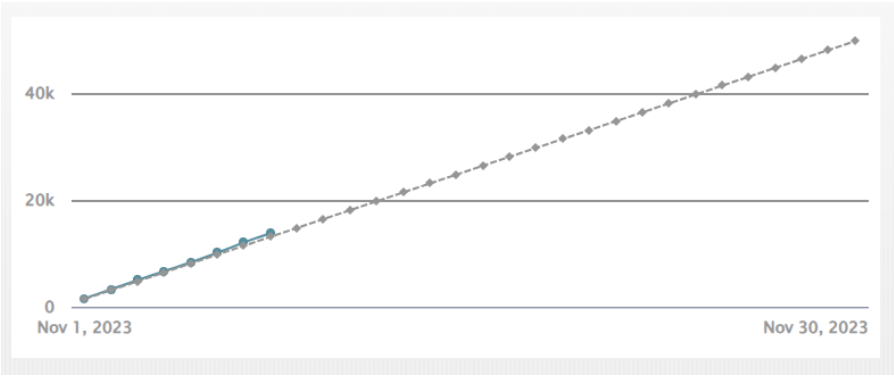
Tuesday, 7 Nov	Started writing: 7:12 Stopped 8:13 Getting a late start tonight – I've been following the "Take Care of Maya" trial for the last few months (watching on my breaks at work at two times speed, etc and doing chores at home) and the jury came back 6 with questions, lol. I'm not missing a verdict if I can help it. Anyway, as soon as the LawTuber I'm following ends their live, I'm going to start writing. Okay, back and done! Wrote two scenes today, but they were long ones, and I feel like I'm starting to get into the rhythm. Back to work tomorrow, and then a four day weekend, yay!	Today: 1944 Total: 12288
Wednesday, 8 Nov	Started writing: 6:55 Stopped writing: 8:07 Another late start, but I'm starting to really get used to writing at 7PM on my week nights which is hopefully a routine I can keep going. Didn't get as much as I wanted done, but still hit the target. Planning two writing sessions tomorrow since I'm off – one in the morning, and then the usual one at 7PM to keep the routine going. Coming back a bit later to reflect on how it's going so far. Even though my overall word count every day is not what I would "usually" write, I feel like I'm doing so much better this year than I have in previous years. I took a look at last year's (which I didn't end up finishing the 50k or even finishing that draft) This was Kismet. I ultimately wrote about 33k which is great, and there's a lot of material here that is absolutely usable when I get back to it. But I can see where I went wrong – I wrote a little bit the first day, wrote 5k the second day, then didn't touch it for a week, and you can see several days where I just didn't write, counting on my big pushes to get me back on pace until I ultimately stopped writing on November 25.	Today: 1717 Total: 14005



This is Counting Stars, which I worked on for Camp NaNo in April of 2022. I wrote every day for a little, but ultimately ended at about 25k and stopped writing before the end of the event.



Here's the chart so far this year. I'm not swinging wildly with huge pushes. Just slow and steady pace every day with one writing session per day. I'm a little bit above the pacing (around 700 words) because I tend to write about 200-300 more words than I need every day. I'm hoping the chart continues to look this way. I'd rather have 50k at the end of the month with a solid first half of a book than another flameout I can't use.

		
9 Nov 2023 Thursday	Started writing: 7:41 Stopped writing: 8:44 Ugh, wasn't feeling it today, but I made it work. I didn't hit the target, but I'd been writing a bit over the target every day, so I'm still on pace.	Today: 1352 Total: 15357
10 Nov 2023 Friday	Started writing: 1:35 Stopped 2:11 First writing session of the day, and I feel really great about it! I'll be back with a second one tonight around 7. Second writing session – I couldn't write as long as I wanted to – I have a bit of a sinus headache so I'm popping out early so I can get some sleep. But I still hit 2k for the day!	Today: 1311 + 722 Total: 17390
11 Nov Sat	Started writing: 7:42 Stopped 8:07 I needed to set up the humidifier so much sooner, ugh. The air got so dry in my office, and I'm ridiculously stuffy now. I'm gonna have to add a writing session or two tomorrow to make up for it.	Today: 624 Total: 18014
12 Nov Sun	Started Writing 7:10 Stopped 8:04 Back in the swing of things today. Wrote 2076 words, and made up for not making the goal yesterday.	Today: 2076 Total: 20090
13 Nov Monday	Started Writing 7:05 Stopped writing 8:00 A decent session today. I keep thinking I'll try to get a 25 minute sprint in early in the day, but it doesn't seem to be in the cards. But still on target and meeting my goal every day, so we'll take it.	Today: 1764 Total: 21854
14 Nov	Started writing 7:00 Stopped writing 7:59	Today: 1956

Tuesday	A pretty good writing session today. Almost done Chapter 8. There are only 30 chapters planned in this story, so to think I'm already like 25% through the story in two weeks feels pretty good actually.	Total: 23808
15 Nov Wednesday	Started writing 7:04 Stopped 7:58 Woot! Crossed the 25k mark, and wrote everyday so far! Finished Chapter 8 tonight, and got to execute a Russian shooter. Pretty good day :)	Today: 1860 Total: 25668
16 Nov Thurs	Started Writing: 7:17 Stopped 8:30 Took a bit to get going, but had my best day today! The story feels like it's starting to click, and it wasn't a hardship to keep going.	Today: 2481 Total: 28149
17 Nov Fri	Started Writing: 7:03 Stopped Writing 7:56	Today: Total: