



and highly funded, or they may be authors you first encountered in graduate school or through social media threads like this one from March 2022, initiated by Jill Walker Rettberg:

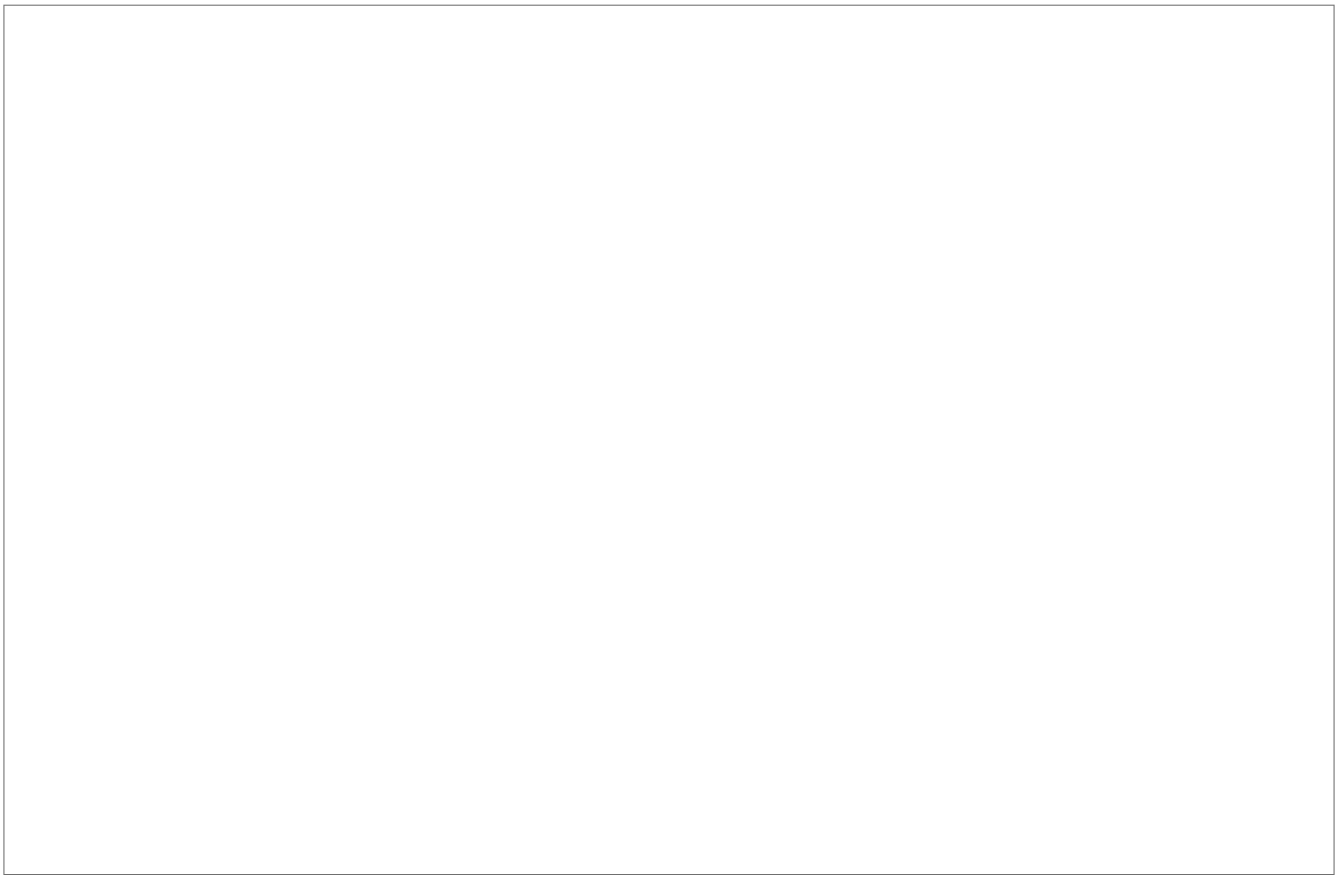
Which academics write BEAUTIFULLY? I want to read writers who weave language, who dare to be personal, who write speculative essays or personal criticism and are theoretically or philosophically or analytically exciting, innovative or generative. Who should I read?

— Jill Walker Rettberg (@jilltxt) [March 26, 2022](#)

Ideally, I'd like you to find authors who write in the same discipline as you, since the best writing is tailored to its audience and context. Once you have a few examples of writing that you admire, and that you'd like to emulate, I suggest saving it as a Google Doc, and removing any tables, footnotes, references, or acknowledgements.

Then, I'd like you to copy that Google Doc text, and paste it into the "references" box over at [writingwellishard.com](http://writingwellishard.com):





Using the tool should be fairly intuitive. Hover over the little question mark to read more about each feature of writing analyzed in the tool. You'll also receive detailed graphs, showing you how many of your sentences have particular word counts, as well as where you have clusters of nominalizations, prepositions, "to be" verbs, and the passive voice. With each graph, you'll find more detailed explanations of each writing feature, as well as links to blog posts and old "Aa-10bl-15c-2 3-17) -El-15di2 -17(t) -9o) -ch -.6



yet comfortable doing so. I hope that this new resource will help you to better understand what writing well looks like to you.

[https://www.universityaffairs.ca/careeradvice/askdr-editor/writing-well-is-hard-how-to-write-like-the-best-writers-in-your-discipline?utm\\_source=University+Affairs+e-newsletter&utm\\_campaign=35b7a9bd0a-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIN2022\\_06\\_15&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_314bc2ee29-35b7a9bd0a-426974276](https://www.universityaffairs.ca/careeradvice/askdr-editor/writing-well-is-hard-how-to-write-like-the-best-writers-in-your-discipline?utm_source=University+Affairs+e-newsletter&utm_campaign=35b7a9bd0a-EMAIL_CAMPAIN2022_06_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_314bc2ee29-35b7a9bd0a-426974276)