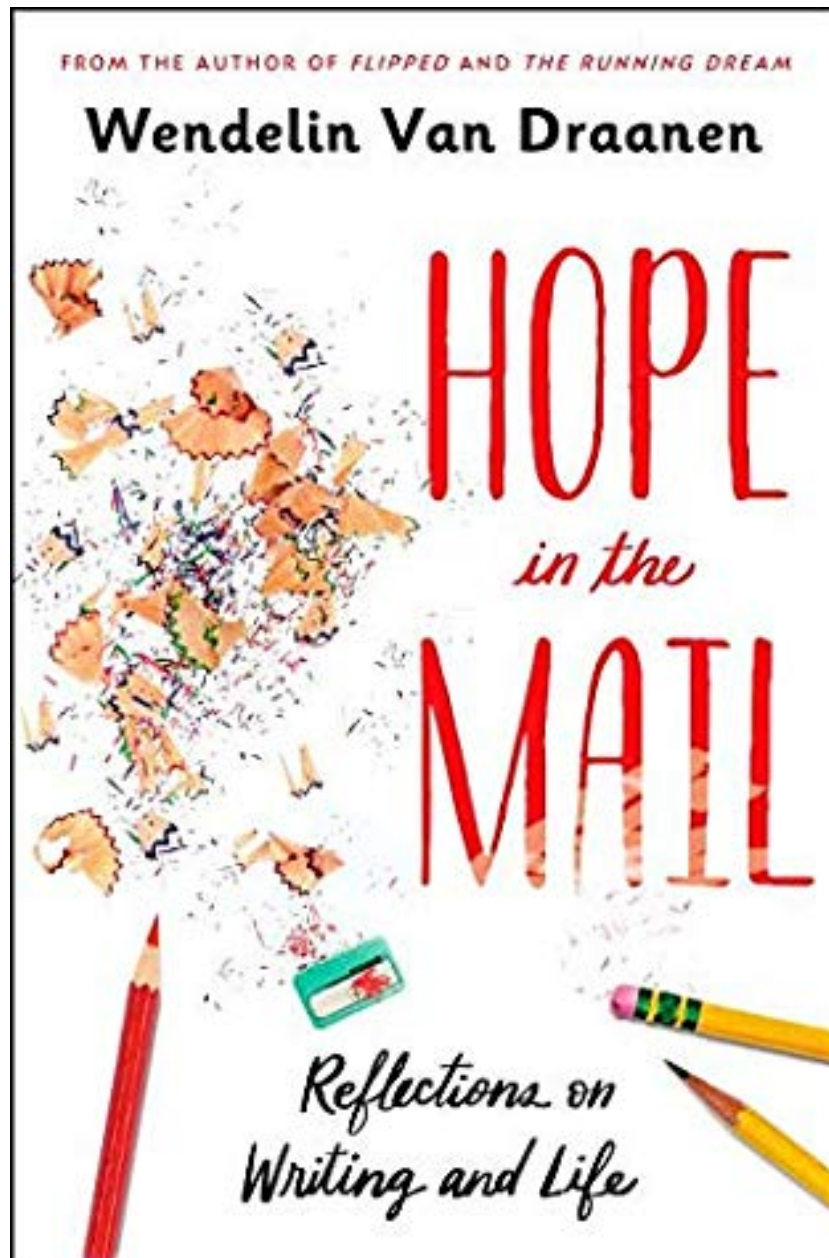


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I received an ARC of this fantastic "guide to writing life" book. As a writing teacher, and the director of the Central Coast Writers Conference, I've read many books "m writing, but none as heartfelt, practical, and poignant as this one. Wendelin shares her secrets to a successful writing career and life. A must read for an aspiring writer!

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Readers and writers should both note this remarkable book. I've read all Wendelin Van Draanen has published, and revisit often for her gift of revealing the complex, subtle thinking of others. She sees detail, and gifts me with seeing it. I am a reader, not a writer. But this book makes me a better reader, which is a delight. The range here—personal stories, seeds from which novels grew, writing wisdom, book industry insight—is extraordinary. Despite all that it covers, it does so with clarity,

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