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The Secrets to Success

“They murdered his parents. They shot him and left him for dead. And yet Alex Rider, teen superspy, thought he was finished with the nefarious terrorist organization Scorpia. He was wrong. But even Alex can’t turn down the prospect of learning more about his parents—even if it means venturing on his most dangerous mission to date,” reads one of Anthony Horowitz’s most famous novels, *Snakehead*. In fact, any person can explicitly see how Horowitz has become a world famous and renowned author. Horowitz has become a famed, renowned, and prominent author because of his unique childhood experiences, his travels and the knowledge he procures before writing about a topic, and his unconditional support from his family and fans.

To begin, Horowitz’s writings have been affected by his childhood; depression, abuse, and loneliness were all apparent in his life. Horowitz’s childhood experiences provided insight and time to perfect his—already professional—writing skills. According to *Wikipedia*—an informational site—Horowitz lost his father due to cancer and boarded at “Orley Farm”—in England. While boarding at Orley Farm, Horowitz experienced a significant deal of loneliness and bullying over his weight. As a result, the bullying led to a substantial amount of loneliness and depression. Abuse was also apparent in Horwitz’s childhood—the type of abuse was not mentioned. To combat the loneliness and depression, Horowitz often read and wrote, constantly gaining knowledge and perfecting his writing, therefore, resulting in skills that were sharp and crisp. Horowitz’s writing skills are definitely apparent in the scripts and books that he writes, skills that germinated when Horowitz was a child. Having a unique, one-of-a-kind skills set Horowitz apart from other authors, as it is apparent as the author of the best-selling Alex Rider series and of the popular British TV sagas *Foyle’s War*, *Collision*, and *Midsome Murders*, according to *About Anthony*, a website dedicated to Horowtiz. Childhood experiences often have effects on people’s lives just as Horowitz did. Horowitz is famous for the articulation and description in his works, skills he acquired while growing up in difficult seasons of his life.

In addition to Horowitz’s childhood experiences, Anthony makes it imperative to acquire knowledge about various parts of the plots he writes. For example, procuring knowledge about a topic before writing about that topic makes the information being presented clear, authentic, and allows for elaboration. In the same way, Horowitz does just that, which is why his novels are some of the best-selling novels in the world. In one of his best-selling novels, *Snakehead*, Horowitz places the setting in Bangkok. Horowitz inserts an author’s note at the end of the book stating that he traveled to Bangkok to dig up a vast amount of knowledge, so that he could write the book with an accurate and detailed setting. This skill of writing not only applies to the setting when Horowitz writes but also to all aspects of the plot of the book. The whole reason Horowitz researches is to become as detailed as possible; just like an abundant amount of rain makes the ground sodden with water, Horowitz wants to stuff the reader’s mind with enough information to make a detailed movie of what is happening in the book. The latter is what makes a book interesting and is what readers want in a book. This simple skill of researching before writing that Horowitz uses is one of numerous aspects that make Horowitz the author he is today—a skill every author should have. If Horowitz did not travel and procure knowledge about different parts of the plot he is writing about, his books would not be as descriptive; instead, they would be more ordinary, narrowing his room for success.

Support has the ability to drive a person to success. This is exactly what Horowitz’s fans and his wife, Jill, did to make Horowitz the author he is today. Along with being his wife, Jill also produces and writes with Horowitz. In fact, Jill and Horowitz are working together to produce a TV series according to an interview that was conducted by Craig Ferguson with Horowitz. In that interview, Horowitz states that his fans have been showing major support of his endeavor to write scripts for plays and movies. Horowitz actually admits in the interview that he and his wife have had “arguments” while writing the scripts to keep a positive attitude throughout the work place. A positive attitude will bring out the best in everyone, therefore, producing a well-designed and articulated script. When the best someone can do is produced, a multitude of people will enjoy the author’s work, propelling the author to success. Horowitz knew that and has now become one of the best authors in the world; he followed a recipe for success, and it recompensed him greatly.

In conclusion, Anthony Horowitz is an author of many different varieties of writing that portray the intelligence and hard work that he puts into all of the writing he produces, which over time has culminated to his success and recognition of being one of the world’s greatest authors. Horowitz’s childhood experiences have brought forth skills that are beyond the skill level most writers and authors have—distinctly separating Horowitz from most. His desire to connect his knowledge to the plots of his book have contributed to his success. Support from a variety of individuals have made the best Horowitz has to offer come alive in every piece of writing he produces. The recipe for success has been revealed to all who read or enjoy Horowitz’s works, even if it is not apparent. It all depends on how deep the individual perceives and dives into what is really being said and done, which is one way to find a recipe for success.

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