

Acknowledgements

Any work of writing is not just the work of the writer. Writing is a solitary activity; it takes time; it requires endurance, and it constantly raises doubts – doubts about writing itself, doubts about scholarship, and doubts about life in its entirety. If the writer manages to overcome these obstacles, then the latter become part of the work itself, woven into the network of arguments, making them even stronger and more forceful in expression. This overcoming of challenges, however, cannot be done in solitude. It requires an entire web of love, friendship, and advice.

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