

## **10 Tips for When You Read Your Novel Aloud**

1. Keep readings short. 5- 15 minutes is good.
2. Introduce yourself, your book, and its genre. Keep it short. One or 2 sentences.
3. Provide a sentence or two of context.
4. Consider reading from the paperback/hardback.
5. Slow down.
6. Enunciate. Speak clearly.
7. Read with feeling. A lot of feeling.
8. Pause, especially after sentences with a hook.
9. Look up and make eye contact or pretend eye contact with your zoom or FB audience. Raise an eyebrow. Purse your lips. Look like you're having fun.
10. Slow down. I said that twice. That's how important it is.