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Writing Personal Essays – Markets


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 **Angels on Earth Magazine** <http://www.angelsmagazine.com/>
Published by *Guideposts*, seeks true personal stories about encounters with angels. 1,500 words and payment - \$100 to \$400.


 **Backpacker** <http://www.backpacker.com/guidelines>
Publishes essays in its "Backcountry" section. 1,200 word. Payment - \$.60 to \$1.00 per word.

Bluelines <http://www.lpwordsolutions.com>
A print newsletter exploring the relationship between readers & writers & the words that connect them. Publishes 'First Reader' essays about early reading and writing experiences. Currently running a contest. 1st. Prize. \$100.


 **Brevity: A Journal of Concise Literary Nonfiction**
<http://www.creativenonfiction.org/brevity/index.htm>
Publishes 'extremely brief literary nonfiction of a crisp, concise 750 words or less, focusing on detail and scene over thought and opinion. Non-paying.


 **Canadian Living** <http://www.canadianliving.com/>
Back page 'O Canada' essay.


CBC Morning Show – First Person Singular
<http://radio.cbc.ca/programs/thismorning/firstperson/firstperson.html>
Seeks essays marking 'life-changing moments and experiences. They must be true, must be between 500 and 1,000 words and must be from the writer's own experience'.


 **Chicken Soup for the Soul** <http://www.chickensoup.com/>
Always have a new book in the making, it seems. Pays \$300.


 **Conversely** <http://www.conversely.com/Antid/antid.shtml>
'Dedicated to the relationships between men and women' – runs an essay contest for the 'Antedote' column. Pays up to \$200.


 **Creative Non-Fiction** <http://www.creativenonfiction.org/>
Upcoming themes are posted on their website. Pays \$10 per printed page.


 **Family Fun** <http://familyfun.go.com/Resources/familyfun/guidelines.doc>
Online and print versions, published by the Disney company. They print personal essays in their "Family Ties" section, about 1,300 words. Payment \$1,500.

 **Field and Stream** <http://www.fieldandstream.com/>
"Finally" department publishes a 700- 800 word essay each month.


 **Globe & Mail – Facts & Arguments Page**
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/services/site/help.html>
Send 800-1,000 words by email or snailmail. Allow 3-4 weeks for response, then assume your piece is not being used. Pays \$125?


 **Good Old Days** <http://www.goodolddaysonline.com/>
Seeks personal experience pieces about life in the 1950s and before, 500 - 1,500 words. Payment - \$15 to \$75.


 **Guideposts** http://www.guideposts.com/writers_guidelines.asp
Christian-based articles and essays. Payment is \$200 to \$400.


 **Hope Magazine** <http://www.hopemag.com/contactUs.htm>
Its mission is 'to inspire, inform, and affirm people who want to create positive social change'. Pays \$50 to \$2,000 for personal essays.

 **Literal Latte** <http://www.literal-latte.com/>
New York-based literary magazine publishes personal essays of up to 6,000 words. Mail submissions only.


 **Literary Traveler** <http://www.literarytraveler.com/sub.htm>
Web-based e-zine that draws over 50,000 readers per month, features high-quality writing. They pay \$25 for personal essays that focus on creativity and have a travel tie-in.


 **Marriage Partnership** <http://www.christianitytoday.com/marriage/features/writers>
Seeks essays from 1,000 to 2,000 words on marriage from a Christian perspective. They pay \$.15 a word.


 **Modern Maturity**
<http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/Articles/a2004-04-13-writersguidelines.html>
Monthly publication of the American Association of Retired People. Publishes monthly personal essay column, "My Word". Pays well.


 **The New York Times Magazine**
<http://www.nytimes.com/ref/membercenter/help/opedsubmit.html>
Publishes a weekly personal essay in its "Lives" department. They are looking for provocative and fresh viewpoints. Maximum length 900 words and payment is \$1,000.


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 **The New Works Review** http://www.new-works.org/6_3guidelines/guidelines.html
An online literary magazine founded in October, 1997. According to their website, "High school memories, moments of triumph, and life's important lessons. They're all fodder in this department." No financial compensation is offered, but they do offer good exposure.


 **Newsweek** <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032542/site/newsweek/>
publishes the weekly 'Your Turn' column – pays \$1,000
Also, check out their very useful article on how to write a personal essay
<http://school.newsweek.com/myturn2003/myturn.php>


 **The North American Review**
<http://webdelsol.com/NorthAmReview/NAR/narsubs.htm>
The oldest literary magazine in North America. They publish essays and prefer those that "address contemporary North American concerns and issues, particularly with the environment, gender, race, ethnicity, and class." Payment is \$25 per printed page.


 **OnEarth Magazine** <http://www.nrdc.org/onearth/02spr/default.asp>
Formerly called the Amicus Journal, OnEarth is published by the Natural Resources Defense Council. They publish personal essays on nature or the environment.

 ? **POZ** http://www.poz.com/index.cfm?p=current_issue_en
is a magazine for people whose lives have been affected by the AIDS virus, publishes personal essays in its "Life" section. Payment varies. Check out the archives on their website. Submit material to them at 349 West 12th Street, NY, NY 10014.

 **Province Newspaper**
Their most recent column addition is 'My neighborhood' – paying \$50 for an essay about where you live. Check also for 'Byline' and 'Your Turn' columns.

 **Salon.com** <http://www.salon.com/about/submissions/index.html>
High-quality personal essays online.

 **Smithsonian Magazine** <http://www.smithsonianmag.si.edu/>
Prints essays on the "Last Page" that range from 550 to 700 words and usually have a humorous tone. The editors warn, however, that they want personal narrative, not jokes. Payment ranges from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

 **The Sun** http://www.thesunmagazine.org/writer_guidelines.html
Founded in 1974, the Sun is a non-profit, ad-free monthly magazine that publishes an eclectic mix of personal essays, fiction, interviews, poetry, and photographs. Pays from \$300 to \$750 for essays. They buy 60 manuscripts per year.

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 **Teaching Tolerance**, <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/>

Published by the Southern Poverty Law Center, pays \$50 to \$1,000 for 400 - 800 word reflection essays & personal experience pieces about teaching tolerance in the classroom.

 **The Threepenny Review** <http://www.threepennyreview.com/submissions.html>

San Francisco-based literary tabloid, pays \$200 for personal experience essays from 1,500 to 4,000 words.

 **Tin House** http://www.tinhouse.com/General_Info/submission.html

Pays \$50 to \$500 for unsolicited articles and more for assigned articles. The personal experience essays that they print cover a number of topics.

 **Tiny Lights** <http://www.tiny-lights.com/>

Publishes a print newsletter of essays from their annual essay contest

 **Travelers' Tales** <http://www.travelerstales.com/guidelines/>

Considers personal, nonfiction stories for publication in their anthologies. They pay 10 cents per word. Issues are themed. Upcoming themes on their guidelines page.

 **Vancouver Sun**

Runs commentaries of one kind and another on their OP Ed page.

 **Vegetarian Times** <http://www.vegetariantimes.com/>

Publishes a personal essay on its back page. The website does not include guidelines but does include editorial contact info.

 **Woman's Day** <http://www.womansday.com/>

Publishes essays on its "Back Talk page." 750 words max. Mail submissions to 633 Broadway, 42nd Floor, NY, NY 10019.

 **Writers Digest online**

http://www.writersdigest.com/contests/your_chronicle_display.asp

Submit your personal essays on writing challenges and triumphs and win \$125. Essays to 500 words.

 **Zuzu's Petals** <http://www.zuzu.com/w-guid.htm>

Critically acclaimed writers' site, welcomes submissions of high quality poetry, fiction, essays, and articles.

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