

Writing Personal Essays – Markets

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Angels on Earth Magazine 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.

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.

Chicken Soup for the Soul <http://www.chickensoup.com/>

Always have a new book in the making, it seems. Pays \$300.

Common Ties <http://www.commonities.com/blog/submit-a-story/>

Touted as a story blog, Common Ties is rapidly becoming a popular destination for personal stories. Pays \$100-\$200 for stories between 1000 - 2000 words. For examples of what they publish, look at their archives, which are sorted by country and by topic.

Christian Science Monitor <http://www.csmonitor.com/aboutus/guidelines.html>

Good place for newbies to break in with light humour and touching personal stories. Sseeks "upbeat, personal essays from 300 to 900 words," includes travel, parenting and seasonal essays. Read the guidelines for updated information. Payment: \$75-\$160 on publication.

Creative Non-Fiction <http://www.creativenonfiction.org/brevity/index.htm>

Upcoming themes are posted on their website. Pays \$10 per printed page.

A Cup of Comfort series <http://www.cupofcomfort.com/share.htm>

Publishes uplifting true stories (1000-2000 words) about the experiences and relationships that inspire and enrich our lives. Pays on publication, one top-prize of \$5000 awarded per volume; \$100 for all other stories, plus a copy of the book.

First Things - the Journal of Culture, Religion and Politics

<http://www.firstthings.com/submission.php>

1,00 - 2,000 words by email.

Field and Stream <http://www.fieldandstream.com/>

"Finally" department publishes a 700- 800 word essay each month. Contact editor at fsletters@time4.com

Funny Times – ‘Humour, Politics and Fun’
<http://www.funnytimes.com/submissions.php>

Globe & Mail – Facts & Arguments Page
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/v5/content/help/editorial-answers.html#submission>
Send 800-1,000 words by email or snailmail. Allow 3-4 weeks for response, then if you don't hear back, assume your piece is not being used. Pays \$100+

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

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

Literal Latte
http://www.literal-latte.com/submit_new.html
New York-based literary magazine publishes personal essays of up to 6,000 words. Mail submissions only. Takes five months to respond.

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.

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

The North American Review

<http://www.webdelsol.com/NorthAmReview/NAR/NAR/Submission%20Guidelines.html>

The oldest literary magazine in North America. They publish essays, preferring 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.

Orion

<http://www.oriononline.org/pages/om/omguidelines.html>

"A magazine about the issues of our time: how we live, what we value, what sustains us". With an increasing focus on an alternative worldview, welcomes essays from new and experienced writers. The best places for writers new to Orion to break into the magazine are S&M and the Groundswell.

Payment: Features, \$400 - \$1,000; S&M, \$25 - \$50; Departments, \$250 - \$300

Salon.com

<http://www.salon.com/about/submissions/index.html>

High-quality personal essays online. Publishes many well-known authors but open to very well written work.

Skirt Magazine

http://www.skirt.com/contributor_guidelines

Reflects the 'diversity and interest of women's lives'. 800-1,000 words. Publishes 8-14 essays a month. Payment varies. Submit by email.

Smithsonian Magazine

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/contact-us/submission-guidelines.html>

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/about/submission_guidelines/writing

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 \$1,500 for essays. Will consider reprints – pays half usual amount.

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.threepennyreview.com/submissions.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.travelerstaes.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. |

Underwired

<http://uwmag.com/content/view/35/39/>

This website for women welcomes personal essays (800-1200 words) for publication every month. A list of themes is listed on the website, ensure your submissions relate to a theme. Submit by regular mail unless you are a subscriber, in which case you can submit online. Payment: \$100 for an essay

Vancouver Sun

<http://www.canada.com/vancouver/sun/info/contactus.html#editors>

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.

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

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