



Guideposts

Writers Guidelines 2025

At Guideposts, our purpose is to foster connections, anchored in faith.

*We are a faith-based community of grace
built to serve believers and seekers.*

*We provide inspirational content, products, and services
so that people can grow and thrive by practicing
hope and positivity in their daily lives.*

We believe that in a world filled with hope, all things are possible.

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Guideposts Magazine



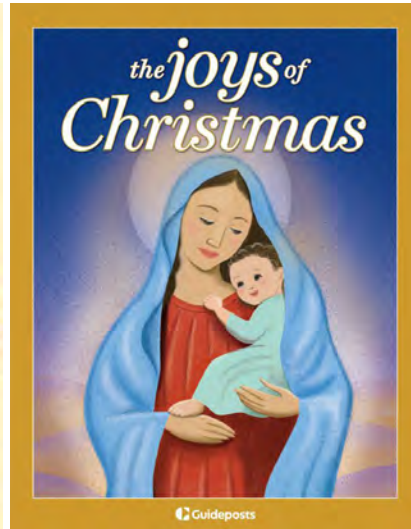
Guideposts magazine features true, first-person stories about everyday people who have been changed, in ways large or small, by an experience they've had. Narrators face challenges in their lives that they resolve through leaning on faith and God. The challenge can involve everything from day-to-day relationship issues, to life transitions such as caregiving, divorce, retirement or job loss, to close calls. Our stories deliver hope and inspiration with a clear spiritual point that readers can apply to everyday difficulties in their own lives. We want to be a source of spiritual well-being for our readers.

A story should be told as a first-person narrative, constructed through scenes that make readers feel as if they are there as the story is happening. There should be a clear narrative arc. We welcome stories that are ghostwritten, with the permission of the subject. Other tips:

- Tell the story from the perspective of the person who is changed most through the experience. Focus on one specific event or point in time rather than an entire life story.
- Show the specific change the narrator undergoes as a result of the experience, a message or insight that readers can apply to their own lives.
- Study the magazine and how stories are told.
- It's not necessary to send a complete story. A three-paragraph pitch is preferred. Explain the focus of the story, the narrative arc, how the narrator was changed and the spiritual takeaway.

Payment is made when the story is accepted for publication. We publish full-length stories (1,200–1,500 words), shorter features (300–600 words) and departments. Please do not submit essays, sermons, testimonials, fiction or poetry. Send pitches to submissions@guideposts.org.

Other Inspirational Publications

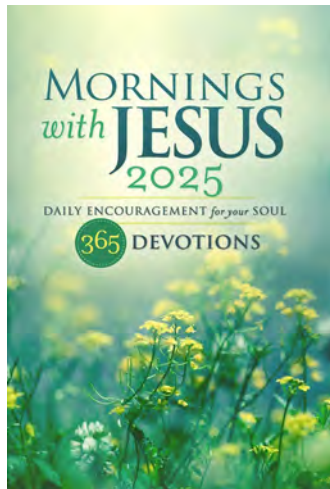
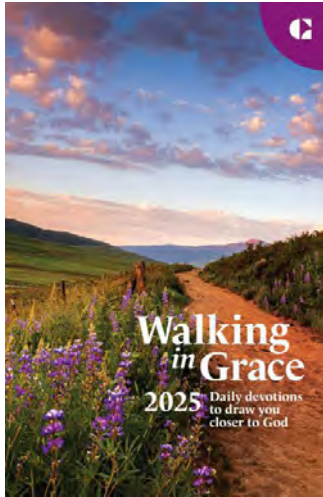


Angels on Earth magazine is filled with true, first-person stories of heavenly angels and earthly ones who find themselves on a mission of comfort, kindness or reassurance. Contributors have received angelic messages in dreams and daydreams, during mysterious encounters or random run-ins, from a strain of music heard by chance or a gust of wind on a still day. Angels take surprising forms as they deliver God’s messages, and the unique situations add variety to our pages. Please follow the *Guideposts* guidelines above, but we prefer manuscripts (up to 1,500 words) over pitches. Send stories to submissions@angelsonearth.org.

The Joys of Christmas is Guideposts’ annual full-size publication that features true Christmas-related stories with a spiritual point. Besides topics such as the traditions of family and/or friends, love and forgiveness, hymns and carols and church pageants, or how to find peace amid the seasonal frenzy, we include stories around holiday recipes and decorations. Please follow the *Guideposts* magazine guidelines above, but we prefer manuscripts (up to 1,700 words) over pitches. Send stories to JOCsubmissions@guideposts.org.

Devotional Books & Magazine

Annual Editions & Bimonthly Magazine



Guideposts publishes three yearly devotionals: *Walking in Grace* (formerly *Daily Guideposts*), *Mornings with Jesus* and *All God's Creatures*. Although each of the books is distinct, they share many attributes and writer requirements.

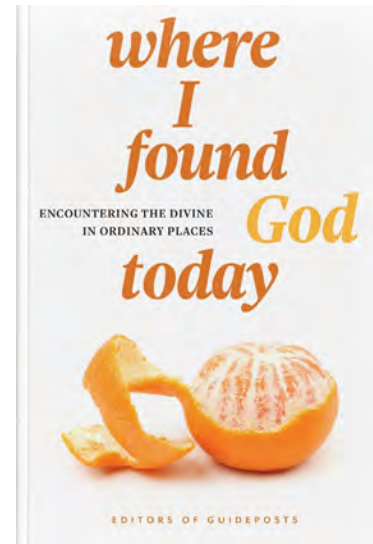
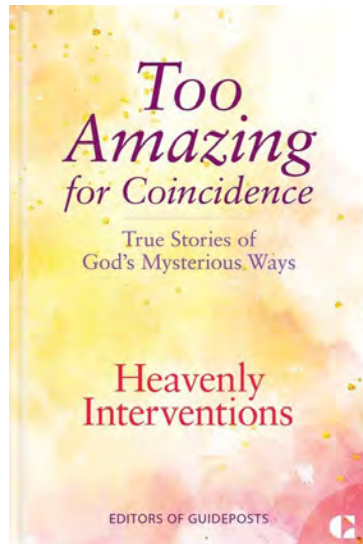
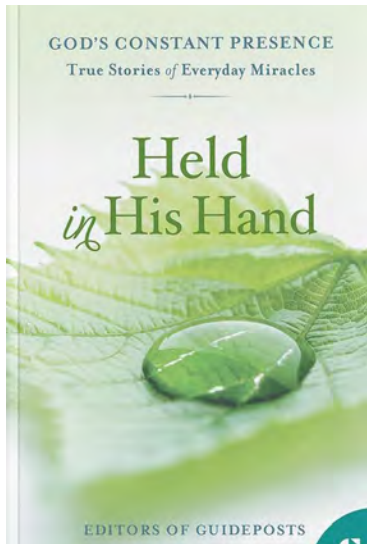
Each contains 365 short inspirational pieces, usually accompanied by a Bible verse and a faith step or prayer. Our daily devotions are a first-person anecdote, told in an informal, conversational style that draws the reader into the spiritual insight the writer has gained from the experience he or she describes. We endeavor to bring readers closer to God and help them live fuller, richer lives. The challenge of writing a Guideposts devotion is to tell a compelling story, convey something of your personality to the reader and communicate an uplifting spiritual insight—all in 200 to 300 words.

For new Guideposts writers, devotionals require an audition by sending in three sample devotions. We select only a few new writers each year. Contributors write on a work-for-hire basis. Guideposts holds the copyright. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <https://guideposts.org/tell-us-your-story/call-for-submissions/>.

Similar to our devotional books, the bimonthly *Strength & Grace* devotional magazine contains approximately 60 short inspirational pieces usually accompanied by a Bible verse and a prayer. These devotions are focused on caregiving and inspiration for caregivers. For specific guidelines on submitting auditions for *Strength & Grace* magazine, please email editor Kimberly Elkins (kelkins@guideposts.org).

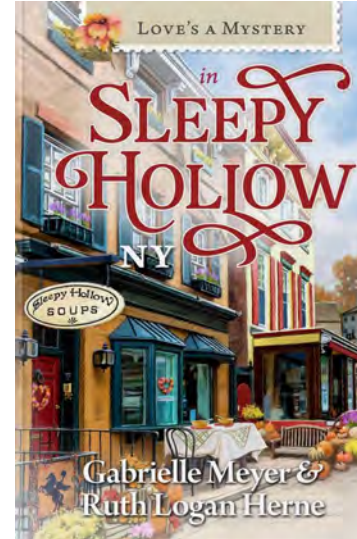
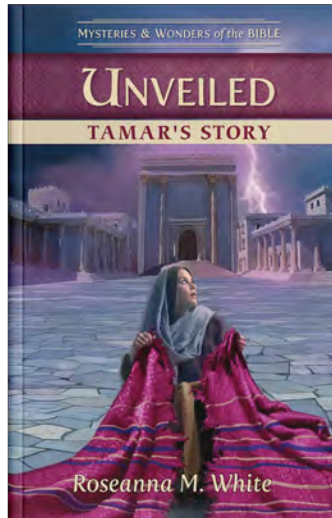


Other Nonfiction Books



We often seek nonfiction content on various topics and in various formats. For story collections, we look for never-before-published, uplifting, true personal narratives—written in the first person—on topics such as angels, heaven, answered prayers and miraculous occurrences. At times, we may be looking for themed devotional content or other types of writing. For a current list of projects for which we are seeking submissions, visit <https://guideposts.org/tell-us-your-story/call-for-submissions>.

Fiction Book Series



Guideposts fiction books are usually part of long-running series created by Guideposts and written by a team of authors. Some of our recent series include *Mysteries of Cobble Hill Farm* and *Blackberry Valley Mysteries*. Our biblical fiction, such as our popular *Mysteries & Wonders of the Bible* series, is meticulously researched and brings to life people, places and stories in the Bible. Our romance fiction, including our *Love's a Mystery* series, offers readers sweet, inspirational love stories free of any graphic content.

What do Guideposts readers expect in our fiction?

- Our trademark blend of faith, family and friendships
- Meaningful conflicts that resolve within the span of a single volume
- Identifiable and compelling characters
- Warm, welcoming settings our readers will want to visit
- Mysteries that will keep the sleuth—and the reader—guessing but will never be too intense
- Biblical fiction stories that are based on careful research and are true to the stories and teachings of the Bible
- Romance stories featuring faithful couples and heartwarming happily-ever-afters

Guideposts does not accept unsolicited proposals or manuscripts, and we prefer agented authors or authors who have an established publication track record. When authors are needed, we issue a call for proposals. Interested in receiving information regarding our next call for Guideposts continuity fiction? You or your agent should send an email to fictionsubmissions@guideposts.org.