

## Short Stories and Essays

By Robin Bayne

Hi everyone-- I hope you spent a few minutes this weekend checking out potential publishers for your work. This week I'd like to talk about my favorite way to Make \$\$ Between Books--

Writing short, true stories and essays for anthologies.

Based on your own real life experiences, the source is your own memory. Right now these collections are HOT- think about the Chicken Soup series. Being the largest, Soup is the hardest anthology to break into right now, but if you do, they pay \$300.00 per story. (I recently got a tip that if you get a call from them, they have pretty much narrowed the selection down to include your piece. So ask for more than the standard \$300.!!)

I've recently sold a story about a bully from my childhood to Chocolate For Women, a similar anthology series. I made \$100.00 at acceptance.

The handout, included below, has website listings for many more of these collections-- I've also sold stories recently to the Dawkins Project, Forget Me Knots, Cup of Comfort and Penned From the Heart. Some pay more than others, some offer only a contributor's copy, but all offer a writing credit for your resume. ALL of these publications allow you to re-sell your work later on-- as long as it's to a different reader's market.

Travel often? Write your experiences up and submit to travel magazines.

Written a grant proposal at work? Many writers want to apply for grants, but need to hire an experienced writer for guidance.

Love to read? Apply to be a book reviewer for one of the paying publications or sites.

Or apply to be a first-line reader with a publisher--small or large. They pay per book. See Wind River Publishing below.

Been to a lot of writing classes? Put some of what you've learned into articles for Writer's Digest, Writer's Journal or one of hundreds of online writing sites. One of my articles, "Irons in the Fire," sold to 3 different writing sites and made about \$90.00.

I sold an article to Writer's Journal once and made a nice fee, plus got great free promotion, since their circulation is about 35,000.

Each month, the Anthologiesonline.com website gives listings of anthologies and other publications seeking submissions. You can submit your work, applying to be Featured Writer of the Month.

Post to the list and let us know how you've sold your true essays and short fiction!! Save

the list below for later reference. And since this is our last lesson, if you have any questions or ideas, please post them now : )

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**Websites of Interest to Writers:**

<http://www.chickensoup.com/>

<http://www.upperroom.org/> (devotionals)

<http://romancefiction.about.com/cs/printpublishers/a/rcrcfs.htm> (Rocking Chair Reader-  
now accepting subs!)

<http://www.gloriaclover.com/pennedfromheart.html> (Free copy of book, accepts  
devotionals, poems, etc.)

<http://www.chocolateforwomen.com/> (Pays \$ 100)

<http://www.christianparadise.com/> (Gives free webpage as promo)

<http://www.heartwarmers.com/> (No pay, online submissions accepted)

<http://godswaybooks.com/> (Now accepting submissions)

<http://writehisanswer.com/index.html> (Will be posting news soon for devotional  
submissions)

<http://www.windriverpublishing.com/cgi/index.cgi> (Pays book first-readers!)

<http://www.christianity.com/magazine>

<http://www.adamsmedia.com/> (Ongoing projects)

<http://www.cupofcomfort.com/> (Ongoing projects)

<http://adamsmed.temp.veriohosting.com/smallmiracles/>

<http://www.spiritledwriter.com/> (Online e-zine, pays for articles)

<http://www.wordmuseum.com> (Classes, reviews, author promo and more)

<http://www.coredcs.com/~mermaid/epub.html> (Online publisher listings)

<http://www.anotherealm.com/prededitors/> (Important warnings about agents, publishers, etc.)

<http://www.mindlikewater.com/> (E-book information)

<http://www.writersdigest.com> (Magazine, classes, contests)

<http://www.anthologiesonline.com/> (Short story, article & essay writers-features monthly writers)

<http://www.robinsnest.com/> (Resource center for writers)

<http://www.glimmertrain.com/> (Literary writers-pays well)

<http://www.fictionwriters.com/> (Fiction)

<http://www.writerswrite.com/epublishing/ebooks.htm> (Writers/e-books)

<http://www.knowbetter.com/> (E-book news, reviews, etc.)

<http://www.writingclasses.com/> (Fiction classes)

<http://www.thedawkinsproject.com/> (copy of book as payment)

<http://www.bootsnall.com/index.shtml> (Online Travel writing)

<http://www.crosswalk.com/>

<http://www.guideposts.org/>

