

TRUE RENDITIONS, LLC

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True Confessions Author Guidelines

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True Confessions is a women's magazine featuring true-to-life stories about working class women and their families. The stories must be in first-person and generally deal with family problems, relationship issues, romances, single moms, abuse, and any other realistic issue women face in our society. The stories we look for are true or at least believable. We look for stories that evoke some sort of emotion, be it happiness or sadness, but in the end there needs to be some sort of moral or lesson learned.

Length: Between 3,000 and 7,000 words.

Electronic Submissions: Our preferred method of submitting is via email. Please include your contact information (full name, mailing address, phone number, email address) to trueswriters@yahoo.com. In the body of the email, please include a brief synopsis of your story. We work about three months in advance. Seasonal materials should be submitted six months in advance, and the envelope should be marked *Seasonal Material*.

Paper Submissions: To send by postal mail, please include a disk saved in Word along with a hard copy. If you would like your materials returned, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We work about three months in advance. Seasonal materials should be submitted six months in advance, and the envelope should be marked *Seasonal Material*.

Helpful Guidelines: Stories should be written in first-person, and in the past tense. We generally look for more serious stories. The underlying theme is overcoming adversities in life. *True Confessions'* readers want to read about women who have been through turmoil, but made it to the end by relying on their own willpower, determination, God, their children—whatever it is! Our readers want to be inspired by the characters they read about and gain strength and knowledge from the experiences they go through.

Although this may be the general gist of the magazine, we are totally open to all other kinds of stories, and all other kinds of themes inserted in stories about overcoming adversities—be it romance, comedy, mystery, etc. We really do try to mix it up!

Remember, this is just a rough guideline of what kinds of stories we usually use. You are not limited to this! Don't be afraid to explore and write completely original stories that don't fit into any genre at all! Think outside the box, but keep it believable (these are supposed to be "true" stories—or at least stories that could be true!)

Features:

- **My Man!**

One page feature about a special man in your life. Payment is \$65.

- **That's Incredible!**
One page feature about an experience in your life that reaffirms your faith. Payment is \$65.
- **The Life I Live**
One page feature where you tell us about an inspirational time in your life. Payment is \$100.
- **My Moment With God**
Roughly three hundred words in length, these are your thoughts during a meditative moment, quiet reflection, or prayer. Payment is \$75.
- **Phenomenal Woman**
One page feature that shines a spotlight on a special woman in your life. Payment is \$65.

Note: We receive a vast number of submissions and each one is given careful consideration; therefore, we ask for your patience in receiving replies. Unfortunately, the editorial staff may not offer extensive critique for each manuscript. We may keep your story on file for up to a year if we believe it will fit in a specific future issue. If you do not receive a rejection for your story, please inquire before submitting elsewhere. Feature submissions cannot be acknowledged or returned.

Terms: We buy all rights to our published materials. Multiple submissions (submitting the same story to other publications, even within our company) are prohibited.

Payment: We pay three cents per word. You will receive payment around the last week of the month after publication.

Good Luck!