

INSPIRATIONAL MAGAZINES



Guideposts magazine stories are about personal change. Narrators face challenges in their lives that they resolve through leaning on faith and God. The challenges can cover everything from relationships to life transitions, such as caregiving, divorce, retirement or job loss, to life-threatening events. Our true 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.

Stories should be told as first-person or third-person narratives, constructed through scenes that make the reader feel present as the story is happening. There should be a clear narrative arc. We welcome stories that are ghostwritten, with the permission of the subject. Additional points:

- Tell the story from the perspective of the person who undergoes the greatest change from the experience. Focus on one specific point in time rather than an entire life story.
- Show the specific change the narrator undergoes as a result of the experience, such as 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 for stories 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, fiction or poetry. Send pitches to submissions@guideposts.org.

Other Inspirational Magazines

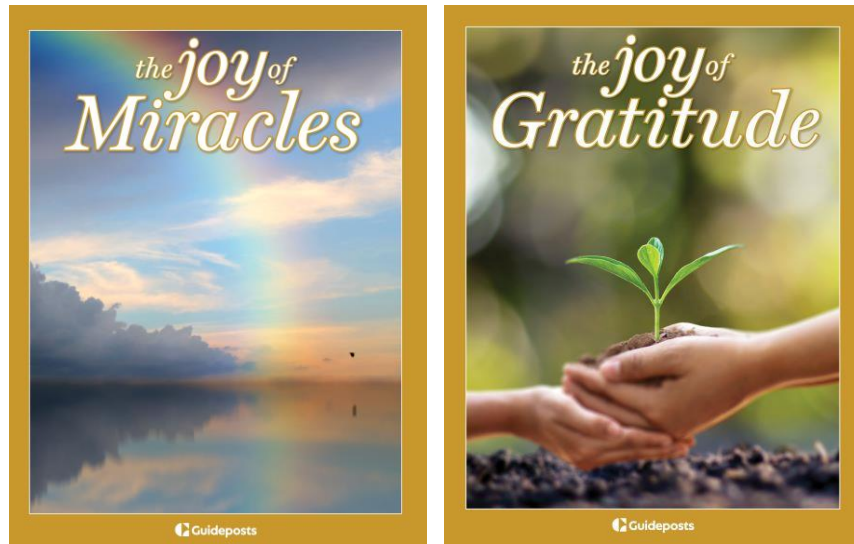


Please follow the *Guideposts* guidelines for all magazine pitches. However, each inspirational magazine has specific thematic needs and method of submission:

Angels on Earth: True stories of heavenly angels and earthly ones who find themselves on a mission of comfort, kindness or reassurance. Unique stories about people who are “earning their wings.” Send pitches to submissions@angelsonearth.org.

Mysterious Ways: True stories about God working in seemingly inexplicable ways. Also stories about dreams, premonitions, comfort from beyond and near-death experiences. Send pitches to MW@guideposts.org.

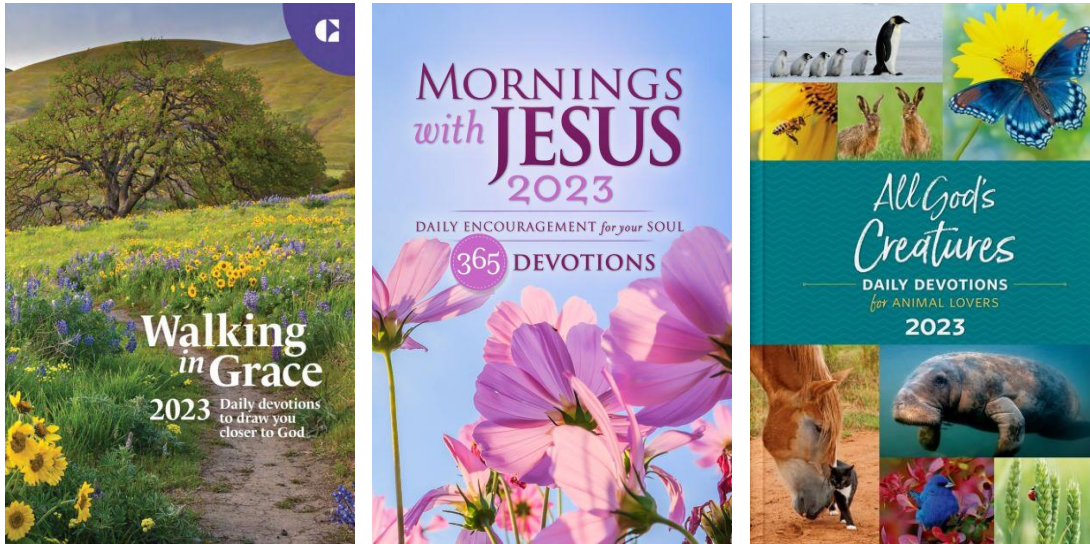
SPECIAL INTEREST PUBLICATION SERIES



Everyone wants to experience joy, but we don't always know where to find it. Now you can celebrate joy every day with the new *The Joy of...* series from Guideposts, featuring inspiring stories, reflections for devotional time, prayers, poems and inspirational quotes, beautiful art and photos, and more. Each issue of this quarterly publication will lift your spirits and deepen your faith as you find joy. Specific calls for submissions are sent out for each title. The current publication schedule is: *The Joy of Miracles* (Summer 2023), *The Joy of Christmas* (November 2023), *The Joy of Gratitude* and *The Joy of Prayer*.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS & MAGAZINES

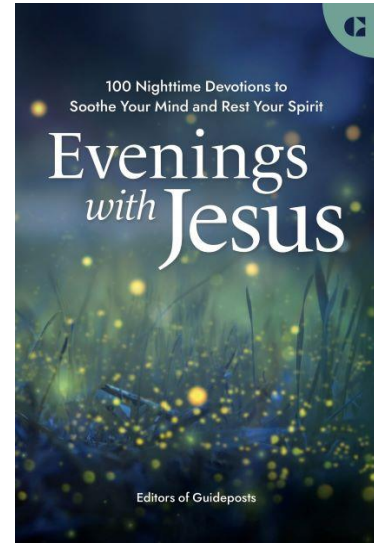
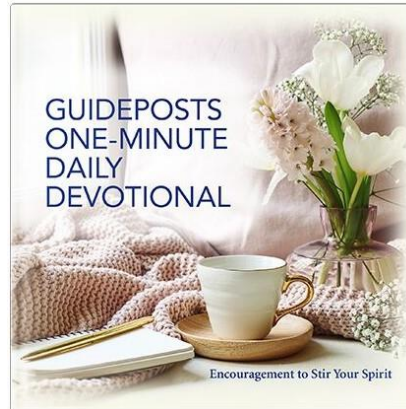
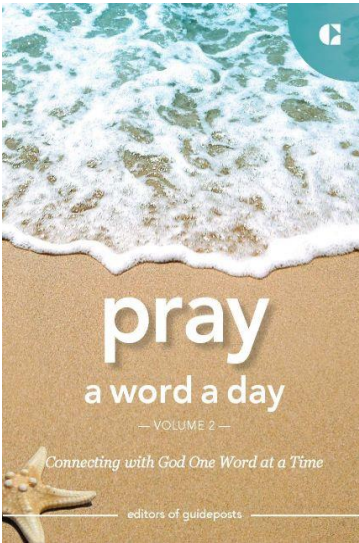
Annual Editions



Guideposts publishes three yearly devotional books: *Walking in Grace* (formerly *Daily Guideposts*), *Mornings with Jesus* and *All God's Creatures*. Although each of the devotionals 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.

Single Editions and Magazine



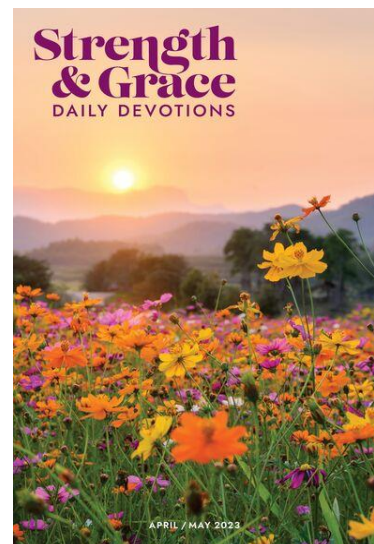
In addition to our annual devotional books, we also publish single-edition devotional books.

Similar to our devotional books, the bimonthly *Strength & Grace* devotional magazine contains approximately 60 short inspirational pieces focused on caregiving and inspiration for caregivers.

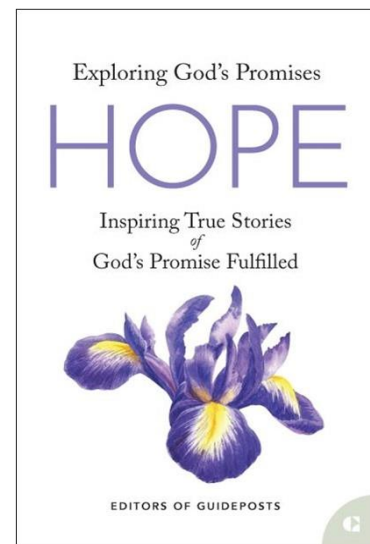
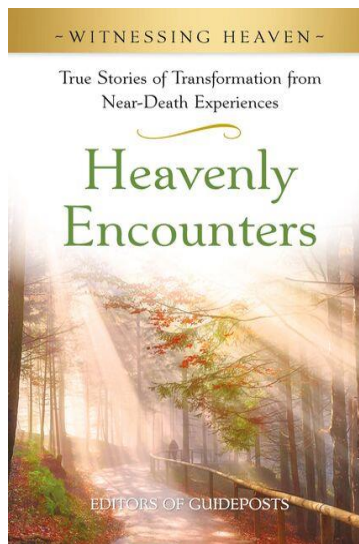
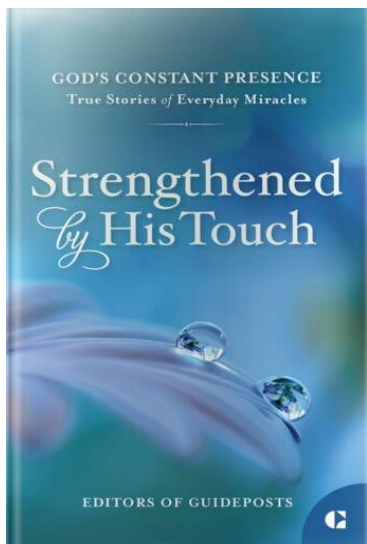
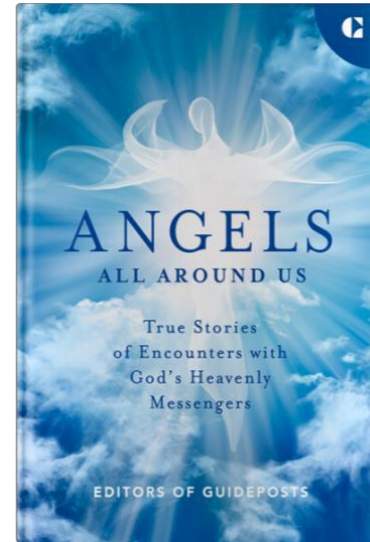
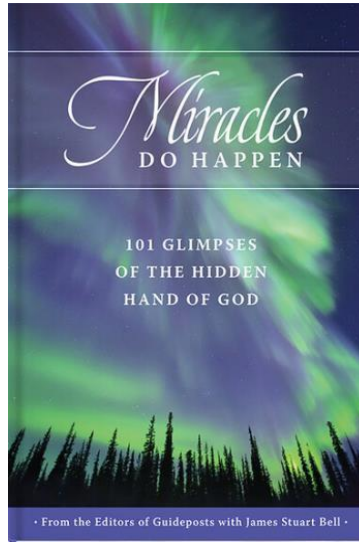
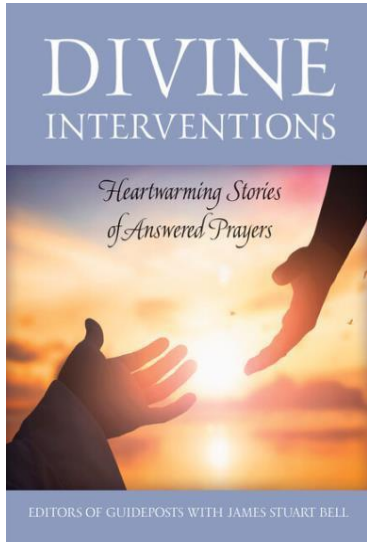
The challenge of writing a Guideposts devotion is to tell a compelling story, convey something of your personality to the reader and communicate an uplifting spiritual insight—all in 200 to 300 words.

For new Guideposts writers, devotionals require an audition by sending in three sample devotionals. We select only a few new writers each year. Contributors write on a work-for-hire basis. Guideposts holds the copyright.

For more information or to submit devotional auditions, please email devotions@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 either first or third person—on topics such as angels, heaven, answered prayers and miraculous occurrences. At times, we may be looking for less narrative nonfiction content, such as articles about successful daily living, animal heroes, caregiving or addiction recovery. Please check in to see what our current needs are before submitting. We do not review or accept unsolicited book manuscripts of any kind. For more information, please email Carolyn Mandarano (cmandarano@guideposts.org).

FICTION CONTINUITY SERIES



Guideposts fiction books are, with few exceptions, part of long-running series. Our mystery series are generally written by a team of eight or more authors, all of whom are writing about the same characters, in the same setting. Some of our recent series include *Savannah Secrets*, *Mysteries of Lancaster County*, *Secrets of Grandma's Attic* and *Whistle Stop Café Mysteries*. Our biblical fiction, such as our popular *Extraordinary Women of the Bible* series, is meticulously researched, which brings to life people, places and stories in the Bible. And our romance fiction, including our *Love's a Mystery* series, brings 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
- Escapism without fluff
- Warm, welcoming settings (Readers tell us they want to visit our story locations.)
- New beginnings, second chances
- Identifiable and compelling characters
- Resonant conflicts that resolve within the span of a single volume
- 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

Interested in receiving information regarding our next audition call for Guideposts continuity fiction? You or your agent may contact Jane Haertel (jhaertel@guideposts.org).

ABOUT GUIDEPOSTS

Guideposts is a nonprofit organization that promotes faith, hope and prayer in people's lives. Whether through our apps, communities, websites or publications, we inspire our audiences, bring them together, comfort, uplift, entertain and guide them. To learn more, visit guideposts.org/about.

VISION

Our vision is a world filled with hope. Faith empowers our work to help build a positive world united in understanding, empathy and compassion. In all we create, we are the reassuring voice of a trusted friend—a friend who makes you feel more hopeful and connected.

CREATIVE PURPOSE STATEMENT

We inspire people to believe that all things are possible with faith, hope and prayer.

We encourage, inform, entertain and tell true stories of personal change. We are the reassuring voice of a trusted friend who does not judge, preach or politicize—a friend who simply makes you feel better.

In all that we create, we affirm the positive, unite rather than divide and meet people where they are on their spiritual journeys. We help them know that they are not alone and empower them to transform their lives and the lives of others.