

## SheLoves Magazine Writer's Guidelines

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### OUR HEART

Thank you so much for considering becoming a part of the global tribe at *SheLoves* Magazine. We are honoured that you have found our kitchen table, want to sit down, eat with us and now even consider preparing a “meal.”

Here's how we see it: when you write a post on *SheLoves*, you are gleaned from your life, sharing from your heart and carefully and lovingly preparing it into a beautiful meal for all of us.

We want to hear the stories in your heart. Stories, ideas, thoughts and insights that stir you and make you into the beautiful person you are.

We are all on this journey of becoming and your post is something from your journey—sometimes a nugget, sometimes a story that's been years in the making. Either way, our special ingredient would be the love you bring in the writing of your story: your heart.

To have a sense of what we're looking for, I highly recommend reading [Billy Coffey's post: Writing Naked](#). Also take a look at our [SheLoves Magazine Manifesto](#), which sums up the community we're trying to create, one story at a time.

### HOW THE PUBLICATION PROCESS WORKS

You may have noticed that we have a number of writers who contribute regularly to *SheLoves*. However, we typically have a few openings each month for unsolicited submissions—that's where you come in! This is a great way for us to hear unique voices and showcase new writers. This is also how we “discovered” the majority of our monthly contributors.

The slots we have for unsolicited submissions vary month to month. Some months we have a handful of spaces available; some we may only have one or two. Even if your piece is not selected initially, continue to share your work with us, be open to feedback, and engage in the *SheLoves* community. We notice who is showing up!

## What You Want to Know

1) *How many words?* We do not require a set word count. Most pieces tend to run between 700-850 words, but we'd prefer you focus on the story and how much heart you put into it.

2) *Which style?* We have a global voice and our contributors come from all around the globe. So when it comes to editing, we stick to the style of the country you're from.

- British? We'll stick to "honour."
- American? We'll go with "honor."

3) *Original copy please!* We publish 99.9% original copy on our site. If you are a blogger, we understand the time and energy you put into creating blogposts. However, we value your effort in creating an original post for our site. We are looking for fresh manna that inspires, nurtures, feeds and mobilizes our tribe daily.

- We would love for you to share an excerpt from the post on your blog on the day of publication with a link to [shelovesmagazine.com](http://shelovesmagazine.com)
- Please don't publish the full story on your own blog
- All rights remain with the author of the post, but we appreciate if you wait at least 6 months before reposting the piece on a different site

4) *On community:* More than writing a story for *SheLoves*, we love when you become part of the conversation. We like thinking of this as a space where we cheer each other on and call out the greatness inside each of us.

We want to be a space where our writers and our readers experience a sense of community. It is something new readers comment on all the time now. Again, we believe it has to do with the heart we put into the space.

So, yes, please write with us. But also join the conversation, comment on a post, click "like" or "share" if something moves you, and share it with your world. As mentioned above, we notice who is engaging with our community. These are the people we want to come alongside.

5) *What do I write?* We want you to talk about what's on *your* heart right this very moment. But if you're looking for a jumping off point, here are a few broad topics our stories typically fall into: changing the world, stories of sisterhood, your personal story, how God is shaping your life, social justice, wellness, purpose, relationships, global community, and stories about organizations making a difference.

## **AM I READY TO SUBMIT?**

Your Checklist:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Your wonderful piece, in a Word document format
- \_\_\_\_\_ A 2-3 sentence first person bio, also in Word document format
- \_\_\_\_\_ A bio photo in jpg format

Send all 3 pieces to [shelovesmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:shelovesmagazine@gmail.com)

### **Now What?**

Your story will be received by Megan Gahan, our Submissions Editor. She will email you with confirmation that your piece has been received and read.

We accept all submissions for the upcoming month until the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior. So, for example, all May submissions are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Writers whose stories are selected are contacted by month-end with the editorial calendar, so they know when their piece will be running. If you do not hear from us by month end, we will not be using your piece for the upcoming month and you are free to submit it elsewhere or use it on your own blog.

We reserve the right not to publish your story. Unfortunately, we have limited space for unsolicited stories and not all pieces fit our criteria or are suitable for our audience. We appreciate if you can accept this gracefully.