

THE LONE STAR LITERARY LIFE MAGAZINE

2025 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Welcome to *The Lone Star Literary Life Magazine*! We're thrilled that you're interested in contributing to our publication. Below, you'll find everything you need to know about what we're looking for and how to submit your work. Our goal is to make the process as smooth and inviting as possible, so don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

About *The Lone Star Literary Life Magazine*

At *The Lone Star Literary Life Magazine*, we're proud to be a hub for the Texas literary community. Our mission is to celebrate the diverse voices and stories that make the Texas literary scene so unique. Through our monthly themes, we aim to inspire and inform authors, publishers, and readers alike.

What We Are Looking For

We're always on the lookout for fresh perspectives and engaging content. Here's what we're hoping to see from you:

- **Original articles:** Pieces with a creative, unique twist on our monthly content themes.
- **Practical "how-to" angles:** Articles that provide actionable advice or steps.
- **Content for the Texas literary community:** Geared toward Texas authors, publishers, and bookstores.

Ideal length: 350–650 words

Topics of interest:

- Writing Craft
 - Marketing
 - Mindset
 - Industry tips
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Tips to Guide You as You Write

To create content that resonates with our audience, here are a few pointers:

1. **Hook readers right away:** Start with an interesting lead paragraph to draw them in.
 2. **Be concise:** Aim for sentences of 20 words or fewer.
 3. **Provide examples:** Use relatable, real-world examples to illustrate your points.
 4. **Break it down:** Use bullet points or key sections to make your article easy to navigate.
 5. **Cite smartly:** When referencing articles, statistics, or quotes, embed hyperlinks directly within the text instead of listing resources at the end.
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What to Include With Your Submission

When you're ready to send in your article, make sure it's accompanied by the following:

- **Headline:** A catchy, descriptive headline (10 words or fewer).
- **Keywords:** Provide 4–5 topical keywords, and use them in your lead paragraph and throughout the article.
- **Author bio:** A one-line bio about yourself.
- **Author photo:** PNG or JPEG format, no larger than 1080 x 1080 px

Editor's Note

The *Lone Star Literary Life* editorial team reserves the right to accept or reject any article submitted for publication. Additionally, we reserve the right to edit submitted articles as needed to fit our style and tone. Please note that promotional content is discouraged, and edited articles are not routinely returned to authors for review prior to publication.

We can't wait to read your submissions and share your work with our audience. Thank you for contributing to the Texas literary community—we're so glad you're here!