

## Submission Guidelines

This is such an exciting project!  
I hope you will have an inspiring story to share.

### Terms and Conditions

By submitting a story you agree to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. This is an original, true story based on an experience in your life. Not just a story you made up or heard somewhere.
2. We cannot guarantee that all stories submitted will be published on the website or in book form.
3. You grant Rick McKeon the right to publish your story on the website rickmckeon.com and as part of a collection of stories in paperback, Kindle or audio book form.
4. You grant Rick McKeon the right to make minor edits to your story. You will have the ability to approve or reject these changes before it is published.
5. If published, you will receive credit for your story, but will not receive any financial compensation.
6. This story has not been previously published.
7. No "adult" or pornographic content will be accepted. Also, no vulgar or racially inappropriate content will be accepted.
8. No political rants.
9. No poems.

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All stories should be inspiring, educational and motivating. These guidelines are not mandatory, but please consider them before submitting.

1. These are short stories, 1500 words or less.
2. Tell the story from the first person point of view.
3. In order to protect the innocent (or guilty) do not use real names.

4. This is not just a collection of short stories. Each story must have a "lesson learned" so that the reader feels he has gained something of value.
5. Consider the first few sentences carefully. They should draw the reader in right away.
6. Use a strong, motivational ending. You want to leave the reader uplifted and motivated.
7. Submit your story as a Microsoft Word document or PDF file attached to your email. My email address is [rmckeon4@cableone.net](mailto:rmckeon4@cableone.net)
8. If your story is accepted for publication, we will need a thumbnail image and a short bio to be included in the "Meet the Authors" section. Your bio may include contact information and a list of your other published works. How cool is that!