



## **Call for Submissions**

### ***A Thrill of Hope: True Stories of Christmas Miracles***

Guideposts is seeking submissions for an upcoming true-story collection about miracles during the Christmas season.

#### **Concept**

At Guideposts, we believe all things are possible through faith, hope, and prayer. And what offers us more hope than the wonder of God's love found during the Christmas season and the celebration of the birth of our Savior? Through true stories of God's presence—whether experienced via friends and family, a kind stranger, a miraculous angel, or a divine message received at just the right moment—this book will remind readers of the true reason for the season. We invite you to share stories of joy and celebration, of hope and faith renewed, of angelic encounters, and of miracles that could only come from above.

#### **Requirements**

- A real-life story that shows how God was present to you in ordinary or miraculous ways during the Christmas season. The story must be set during Christmastime/Advent/the holiday season.
- Stories should be written in first person.
- We would prefer that stories be recent, i.e. that they occurred during the past 10 years or so. We are open to stories from childhood or a more distant past, but we don't want every story to feel dated.
- Stories should be between 1,000 and 1,200 words.

#### **Specific Suggestions**

- Stories should not preach, proselytize, or politicize.
- Stories can range from heartwarming to miraculous or dramatic.
- Stories must express a clear Christian connection and worldview.
- Your experience and story should be grounded in a real-life situation: physical setting, time, place, context of your life.
- We are unable to accept previously published work.

#### **What to Submit**

Submit a short (50- to 150-word) summary of your story, including any details you think would be important for the editor to know. The summary should outline the progression of the story from beginning to end. Please do not submit story excerpts of marketing "teaser" copy in place of this summary.



Also include with the submission (not for publication) your full name (and legal name if different from the name used in the byline), mailing address, email address, and preferred phone number. If you are represented by an agent, please let us know that also. We will review your summary and let you know if we would like you to write the full-length story.

**Payment on Acceptance of Story**

We will pay \$300 per accepted story.

**Deadline for Submission of Summary:** July 27, 2026

**Notification of Acceptance of Summary:** August 3, 2026

We will contact only authors whose summaries are accepted. Acceptance of summary does not guarantee acceptance of story.

**Send submissions or queries to** [thrillofhope@guideposts.org](mailto:thrillofhope@guideposts.org).