
Suzanne Goldsmith, Writer

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SUMMARY

With three decades of full-time and freelance experience in journalism, marketing, fiction writing and other forms of print and online content creation, I am curious, creative, analytical and exacting. I enjoy conjuring up an engaging voice and relating useful or fascinating information. I'm a research lover and a grammar nerd. A deadline-oriented self-starter accustomed to working alone, I also enjoy collaboration and teamwork. 140 characters, or 40,000 words? I'm on it.

EXPERIENCE

Print and Broadcast Journalism (samples [here](#))

- Freelance reporter - My feature articles for *Columbus Monthly* have been featured as cover stories ("Inside the Princess Culture"; "Big City, Mini Farms") and won or been nominated for local and national awards: "A Death on the West Side" (April 2009) - Second Place, Best Social Justice Reporting, Ohio SPJ. "The Brief, Poignant Life of MarShawn McCarrel" (Oct 2016) - Finalist, Best Profile, Circulation under 60,000, National City and Regional Magazine Association; Finalist, Best Profile, Cleveland Press Club Excellence in Journalism Awards
- Book Reviewer - *Columbus Dispatch*, 2005-2006
- Founder, editor - *Dig*, a quarterly "zine" about community-building efforts, 1997-99
- Town reporter, business beat reporter - *The Patriot Ledger*, Quincy Mass. 1987-1990. Covered local municipal and business news for Massachusetts' third-largest daily newspaper
- Documentary Researcher, Production Assistant, Associate Producer - WGBH-TV, Boston's PBS outlet. 1982-85. Credits: *Vietnam: A Television History*, *Reagan's New Federalism: Shift or Shaft?*, *Neighborhoods* (regional Emmy winner)

Nonfiction books

- *A City Year* (New Press, 1993) - Nonfiction account of a year in a youth community service program. Received a boxed review in *Publishers Weekly* and was reviewed in *The New York Times Book Review* and elsewhere; appeared in both hard cover and paperback; is included in numerous college syllabi.
- *Journal Reflection: A Resource Guide for Educators Engaged in Service Learning* (American Alliance for Rights & Responsibilities, 1995)

Essays

- My first-person essays have appeared in local and national publications, including *Parents Magazine*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The American Prospect*, *The Washington Monthly*, *The Philosophical Mother*, *Education Week*, *The Responsive Community*, and two book anthologies.
- Blogs - I post occasional short essays about writing and life [on my website](#). I blogged about our 2010 sabbatical in Amsterdam [here](#).

Novels

- *Washashore*, a middle grade novel (Lucky Marble Books, 2013), won the national Green Earth Book Award in 2014 and was a finalist for the Ohioana Book Award.
- *Lonesome Run*, a young adult novel, is out on submission.

Marketing and Public Affairs - Print and Online

- Principal, SGH Communications, 2013-present - independent producer of online content
 - Bexley Education Foundation. Write stories for website; write and produce electronic newsletter, e-mailed monthly since 2013 to over 7,000 subscribers.
 - Haley Marketing Group. Write blog posts, articles, e-books and slide shows for staffing industry clients.
 - Social media. I maintain an [author page](#) on Facebook as well as a personal page. I am active on [Twitter](#). I built and maintain my author [website](#), using Wordpress.
- Marketing and Communications Coordinator - Bexley Education Foundation. 2007-2010, 2011-2013. Oversaw re-branding effort and ongoing brand management, led the creation of new website. Created and executed social media campaigns. Wrote press releases.
- Director of the Community Service Project, American Alliance for Rights & Responsibilities, Washington, DC. 1993-1996. Advocated for community service initiatives through writing and research.
- Public Affairs Officer - City Volunteer Corps, New York, NY, 1985-1987. Wrote and published newsletters, press releases, speeches, brochures and ad copy for NYC youth service agency.

Teaching writing

- Taught writing course with seventh graders at Columbus Academy in 2015 and 2016.
- Conducted writing workshops or presentations with elementary through college students at Thurber House, Denison University's Reynolds Young Writers' Workshop, Young Authors Writing Project, and Columbus's Mosaic Program.
- Made author visits and spoke about writing at numerous elementary and middle schools.

Monographs, studies

- Researched and wrote case studies about community-building efforts in Washington, Kentucky, Texas and Seattle for The Communitarian Network.
- Conducted in-depth study of grant-making organizations for The Points of Light Foundation.

Book Editing

- Edited all content for a coffee table book (*The Road to Blue*).
- Ghost-wrote a personal memoir, published privately.

SKILLS and AFFILIATIONS

- Proficient in Wordpress, iMovie, Mailchimp, PowerPoint, inDesign and other electronic tools. Mac or PC. Skilled in photography
- Member, the Harmony Project, a community choir that combines singing and service
- Member, Columbus Wordshop, a weekly writers' critique and discussion group
- Member, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
- Managed the busy lives of two children from 0-18 as primary caregiver

EDUCATION

Harvard University, AB Cum Laude, 1982. English and French History and Literature

WRITING SAMPLES available at <http://www.suzanne-goldsmith.com/writing-samples/>