

Melanie Bowden Newsletter
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Happy Holidays!

If you're done with your holiday shopping, I hate you. I mean, I'm very jealous. :) Mark and I are doing a whirlwind round of shopping and wrapping tomorrow. I hope we get most, if not all, of it done. Then I'm having a glass of wine.

I've been really busy--aren't we all? Here's the latest:

1) **Spread the Word Contest** - ONLY 4 MORE DAYS Win a **\$25 gift certificate to the bookstore of your choice** by purchasing and/or referring people who buy my workbook *Get Your Articles Published! Over 100 Tips, Exercises, and Techniques to Sell Your Nonfiction Articles*.

The current leader has just 3 workbooks for her total. Contest Deadline: Midnight, PST, December 15th.

Review: "Lots of good tips and help. I'm impressed by your credits. I know the process works." - [Gordon Burgett](#), author of *The Travel Writer's Guide* and over 1700 articles.

If you're a new subscriber, would you like a free excerpt from the workbook? Let me know!

2) Do you know of a website or someone that would like to review *Get Your Articles Published!*? [Freelance Writer's Report](#) will be reviewing it in their January issue, and I'd love to have more reviews out there. Reviewers receive a free ebook copy.

3) Are there new or expectant parents on your gift list? How about an autographed copy of *Why Didn't Anyone Tell Me?* with a personal message from me to the recipients? Books are shipped priority mail.

4) Recent blog topics: [Self-care - Are you scheduling it?](#), [Why I Chose Cloth Diapers](#), and [Income and Housecleaning](#). This Thursday look for my interview with the authors of *I Was a Really Good Mom Before I Had Kids*.

5) Combine a coaching session with the workbook and save! For \$50, \$40 for two hours of coaching plus \$10 for *Get Your Articles Published*, sign up for an in-person or phone coaching session. We'll cover the workbook material, and, for phone sessions, I take care of the phone charges.

Since my regular coaching fee is \$40 per hour, you save on both the coaching and the workbook. (An additional \$4.60 for postage is added if the workbook is mailed to you.) Workbooks purchased at the discounted price still qualify for the [Spread the Word Contest](#).

"My session with Melanie was invaluable. Between the workbook and the coaching, I feel like I am ready to start writing for magazines. I think Melanie saved me hours of time, and I so appreciate her organized style of teaching. The 1:1 coaching was perfect for me with my busy schedule." - Jo Hatcher

General coaching for book and magazine writers, wherever you are in the writing process, is also available. You receive a reduced rate of \$30 per hour for the first session.

6) My article for [Writers Weekly](#), *After the Leap: 10 Ideas for the New Full-Time Writer*, will be published soon. Look for the link in next month's updates.

7) I've completed three assignments for the [California Center for Cooperative Development](#) (two articles and a brochure) and have four more projects in the works for them.

8) A little something from me to you at this [link](#).

Peace and happiness to you and your family this holiday season.

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