

Melanie Bowden Newsletter
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Dear Friends,

My favorite holiday, Halloween, is coming soon. We're working on our costumes and getting the decorations out. What's not to love about Halloween? No gifts to buy, no pressure to make a fancy dinner, and you're free to stuff yourself with candy.

My updates are short this month so you can get back to your fall activities:

1) **New date for radio appearance: Friday, October 26th:** I will be a guest again on Koren Motekaitis' radio show *How She Really Does It*. The show is broadcast from Davis on KDRT at 101.5 FM. Show time is 10 to 11 AM PST. I hope you can listen in!

2) **Magazine Writing for Beginners Class, this Saturday, October 13th, 9 AM - 1 PM**, at the Davis Senior Center. Today is the last day to register. If you come, be sure to bring snacks for the breaks. To register, call (530) 757-5626 or go to <http://www.cityofdavis.org>.

3) **Growing Families Expo, Sunday, October 21st, 10 AM - 5 PM** - I will be sharing a table with [Community Kids Magazine](#) at this expo in Benicia. Thank you for the millionth time to Michelle Trippi, the editor of Community Kids, for all of her efforts to promote *Why Didn't Anyone Tell Me?* Here's a blurb from the latest CK newsletter:

[Growing Families Expo](#) is Sunday, October 21st, in Benicia at the Clocktower. There is a lot to do and see at this 1st Annual Expo, so check out the site and come visit Community Kids' table while you are there. We have a special guest joining Community Kids for the day and that is Melanie Bowden, author of *Why Didn't Anyone Tell Me? True Stories of New Motherhood*. So bring your book and get it signed. If you don't have one yet, they make a great baby shower or new mom gift so get your copy at the Expo!

4) Recent blog topics at [Spit-Up On My Shoulder](#): A great new product for sleep-deprived parents, sleep routines, and Nightus Interruptus. There was definitely a sleep theme running through the posts this month! These posts and more at: <http://motherhood.booklocker.com>

5) *Get Your Articles Published* workbook update: I'm designing a workbook with all the information, insider tips, and exercises from my magazine writing class along

with extra material I never seem to get to in the four hour class. *Get Your Articles Published* will work for you whether you learn the material on your own or attend my class.

I planned to be done with the workbook by now, but the universe often laughs at me when I set unrealistic deadlines. 😊 I'm now estimating the end of October for the publication date. Watch for an email from me when the workbook is available. Topics covered include: **Researching Magazine Markets, Finding Experts to Interview, Writing Query Letters That Get Assignments, Negotiating Fees**, and so much more. The workbook takes you from idea to published article and, of course, paycheck!

As always - if you have any questions about writing, feel free to contact me. I love working with writers and moving them closer to publication.

Early Happy Halloween.



Save the Butterfingers for me!

Melanie Bowden

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[Spit-Up on My Shoulder](#), Melanie's blog for new moms