

Resume: Sheri McGuinn

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Education

Master of Administration, Professional Writing, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

MS in Education, Learning and Behavior Disorders, Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY

BA Psychology, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA

Experience and Skills

Writing

Fiction:

I've had short stories published in *The Maverick Magazine* and *The Best Short Stories from Saturday Evening Post Great American Fiction Contest 2016* and had an honorable Mention in the Writer's Digest's Short Story Writing Competition. My Amazon page lists novels I've self-published. The first had an honorable mention in Writer's Digest's International Self-Published Book Awards; another was a quarter-finalist in Amazon's Breakout Novel Awards. I have screenwriter and creative consultant credits at IMDb, including a film available on Lifetime. Another screenplay was a finalist in the Sacramento International Film Festival.

Non-Fiction:

Aside from years of academic writing as a perpetual student, writing has been part of several careers. I've written pre-sentencing and other reports for courts both as a civil servant and as a freelance writer working for the defense. As a teacher, I wrote individualized education plans. I've also written grant proposals and promotional material and had articles published in *Literacy Today*, *Colorado Libraries*, and *Funds for Writers*.

Editing & other author services

My author services include all levels of edit, interior design, file prep, assistance with cover design, self-publishing guidance, and project management as needed.

The best example of my work is Suzanne Blaney's [*Impressionism: Inspiration & Evolution*](#), which was runner up in the photography/art category of the 2019 San Francisco Book Festival. We started with a disorganized rough draft without proper citations. She wanted it suitable for sale at museums. I did substantial editing, worked with her to get proper citations for quotes and art, designed the layout, and helped her through the self-publication process. Other samples and testimonials are at my website, www.sherimcguinn.com.

Self-Publishing

I promote responsible self-publishing and self-publishing for personal projects. This has included participating in radio interviews, television panels, and other events; presenting workshops at various venues; and being a poster presenter at the 2014 National Council of Teachers of English Convention.

Teaching

Breaking large and complex tasks into smaller operational steps is a key skill developed as a special education teacher. Other routine tasks included adapting material for individual needs and collaborating with other professionals, students, and parents. I also:

- Mentored creation and publication of an affordable yearbook while subbing on an Apache reservation.
- Developed a deficit credit program for resource and special day students at risk of dropping out.
- Authored an application for the Colorado Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant - Award: \$100,000.

Research and Analysis

My academic training included research design. As a graduate student working with two others, we developed, conducted, and documented formal research on the impact of music on student behavior. I did the writing. My education and work experience have honed interview skills so I establish rapport with subjects, use open-ended questioning, and verify understanding. I was also trained in and have practiced informal and formal observation. After gathering all data, I evaluate and analyze the information obtained, then write as needed.