

## 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

#### 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.

#### 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 & author services

I edit for businesses and individuals. 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](http://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.