



The Next Six Months

“The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.”



Any guesses as to which famous person said the above words? Come on, give it a guess. Give up? It was Abraham Lincoln.

The future dogs everyone in many different ways. For us here at Publishing Syndicate, we have done our best to predict the future. But our publishing crystal ball has yet to show a clear picture, and that gives us pause.

As I have said in past newsletters and during speaking engagements, publishing is a fickle and cruel business. It is fickle in the sense that it never settles entirely on what it wants or expects, collectively changing direction in a heartbeat with whatever great (or rotten) book makes it big. And it is cruel in the sense that it doesn't give 99.9999-percent of new—and even experienced—writers an even playing field to showcase their work. Success is based on celebrity, notoriety, good luck, dumb luck and being in the right place at the right time.

Hence, we are following Lincoln's advice and are trying to predict the future one day at a time. This has softened our frustration over low book sales and has given us the energy to focus on key elements of our publishing company. With the guidance of our book distributor Small Press United, 17 NYMB titles have been removed from our long list of upcoming books. If you submitted a story to any of these NYMB titles, no worries: they will be moved into another active title in our database or held in the existing database should the title be reconsidered.

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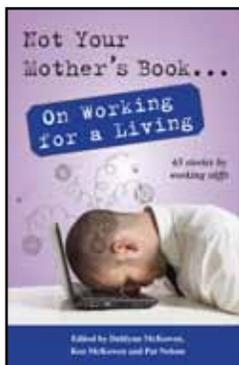
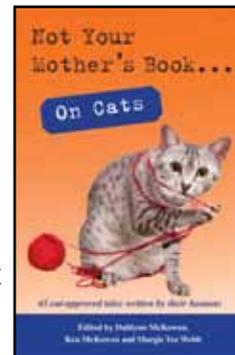
With this 101th newsletter, we decided to change the look to something sleeker and not so crowded. The last page has changed, too. To read our last 100 newsletters, which are full of great information regarding writing and publishing, [CLICK HERE](#).

Let us know what you think by posting comments on the wall at www.Facebook.com/PublishingSyndicate or at Twitter. Our handle is @PublishingSynd.

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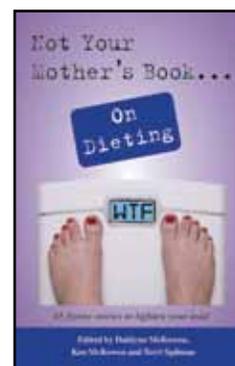
We are currently focusing on four NYMB titles:

On Cats: this book is in editing. Most of the stories have been selected, while a few remain in our “hold file” in case we run short on overall word count. The distributor would like this book immediately: we are working toward an August 2014 release.



On Working for a Living: the distributor has asked for this book now. Yikes! As of last week, there were only 40 unread stories in the database—we need at least 150 to make selections. We are hoping for a fall 2014 release. Send in your story NOW! Click on the book’s cover to the left for more information.

On Dieting: This book will be released in early spring 2015. We are still actively accepting stories until June 1st. Click on the book’s cover to the right for more information.



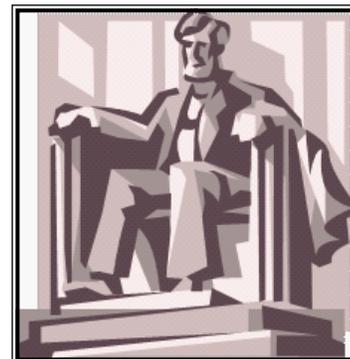
On Sex: Yes, you read that right. Pamela Frost—the co-creator of NYMB...

On Home Improvement—will be this book’s CC. This title will be playful, fun, healthy, positive and racy. Rating: R-rated to mild X-rated. We are not accepting stories for it right now, not until the logistical pre-production work is ready (cover artwork, book descriptor and chapter headings). When it is, we will send out a special story announcement. But start thinking about stories! Deadline: TBA

In regards to *NYMB...On Holidays*: Sadly, the distributor is not interested in this book. While the company must take any book we send to them, they will not actively promote it. We will pull as many stories from this book and move them to active titles. Please accept our sincere apologies to all of you who have been waiting for this title to come out.

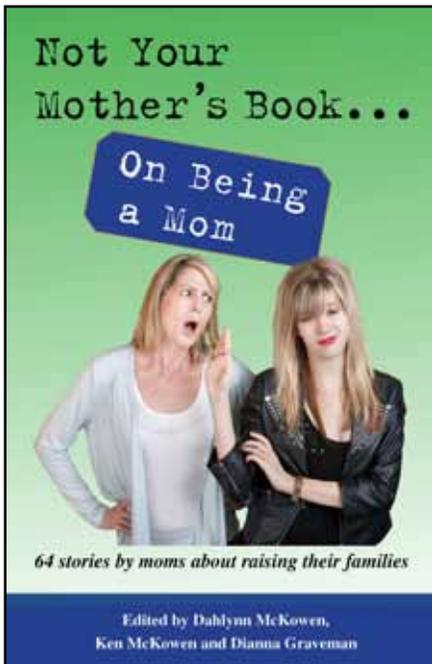
Thank you for sticking with us during this growing period. While we are picking out a few weeds here and there, our publishing company is strengthening its foundation and building momentum. We are excited and living life, one deadline at a time.

I wonder what Lincoln would think about the next four NYMB titles under production. Hazard a guess? If you have one, post it on the wall at www.Facebook.com/PublishingSyndicate.



Just released: [**NYMB...On Being a Mom**](#)

by Dahlynn McKowen, Ken McKowen and Dianna Graveman



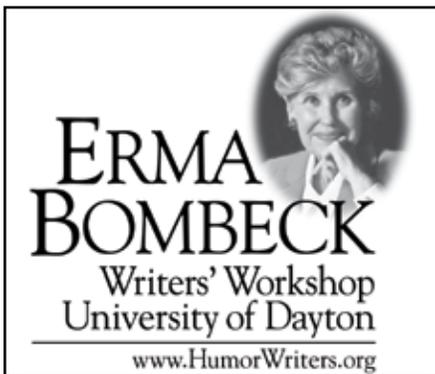
Mothering in the modern age can be a challenge. These days, the umbilical cords for most kids are high-tech gadgets and social media. In a way, our kids do know everything now.

But it's a complicated world and children still need their mothers. From kissing boo-boos to teaching the difference between right and wrong to helping navigate the ups and downs of teenage drama, moms unselfishly give their children the advice, support and love they need.

The stories in this book—ranging from birth to empty nest—are guaranteed to entertain and delight. And remember—moms do know more than their kids when it comes to the real world!

The perfect Mother's Day present! Order from your favorite book retailer TODAY!

MEDIA ALERT: The McKowens, Dianna Graveman and NYMB story contributors to this book are available for interviews. We also welcome book reviews. Dahlynn@PublishingSyndicate.com



What happens at “Erma” stays at “Erma,” or so the NYMBers thought! The cat is out of the bag!

Dahlynn served as faculty for this workshop, held earlier this month in Dayton, Ohio.

For the first time, nearly all of the NYMB co-creators (CCs) and many NYMB contributors were at the same place at the same time. Of course, silliness and laughter and partaking of libations occurred, as did learning a lot about the ever-changing world of professional writing.



To see 10 pages of great photos of your favorite NYMB CCs and contributors, click on the photo. That's the only way you'll find out why Terri Elders is grabbing Risa Nye's breasts.

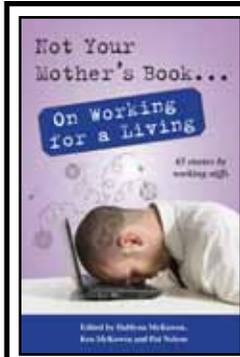
Last Page! Last Page! Last Page!

The “Last Page” features contests and story opportunities from Publishing Syndicate and other companies—but only those call-outs that do not compete with PS’ books will be posted.

Not Your Mother’s Book . . .

Stories needed for many new books. NYMB caters to mature readership, thus, submissions must be written by people age 18 and older. Details and submission guidelines are on the PS website.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

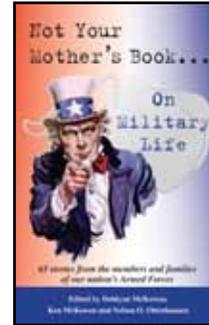
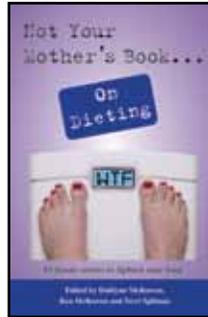


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On Working for a Living:

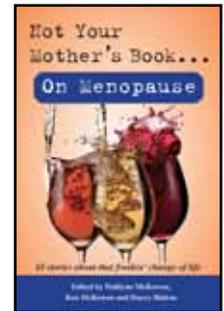
This title goes into production upon receiving enough terrific stories. Get your story in NOW!

On Dieting:
June 1, 2014



On Military Life:
June 1, 2014

On Menopause:
Sept. 1, 2014



Submission guidelines at www.PublishingSyndicate.com

Poets & Writers

Link to database: <http://www.pw.org/grants>

Per their website: “The Writing Contests, Grants & Awards database includes details about the creative writing contests—including poetry contests, short story competitions, essay contests, awards for novels, and more—that we’ve published in *Poets & Writers Magazine* during the past year. We carefully review the practices and policies of each contest before including it. Ours is the most trusted resource for legitimate writing contests available anywhere.”

Coffee Shop Stories

Holiday Stories

Stories of Forgiveness

Stories About Great Teachers

Advice You’d Like to Pass On to Others

Making Waves — Stories About Roles Models & People Who Inspire and Motivate Us

For deadline info:

<http://dreamofthings.com/workshop-2>



Chicken Soup for the Soul

More info: www.chickensoup.com

Angels in Our Midst: Deadline: May 15, 2014

Christmas in Canada: Deadline: May 30, 2014

Stories ABOUT Moms: Deadline: Sept. 30, 2014

The Power of Forgiveness: Deadline: June 30, 2014



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