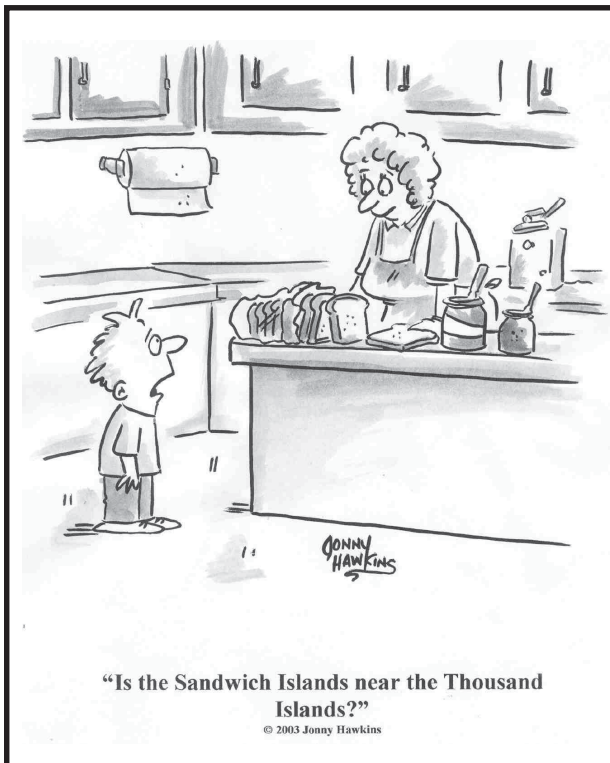


### Travel Writing 1A: Tips for New Writers

It's an idyllic writing career for many—traveling the world, writing stories about your exotic adventures. It is possible; we've sold over 1,000 travel related articles and photographs, but it's also difficult, demanding work if you want to become a credible—and paid—travel writer. Here are a few tips if you're just beginning:

- Pre-travel research: Know as much about your destinations as you can *before* you go! Gather website information, maps, tour guides and read old travel articles, so when you arrive you can hit the ground running—and not in circles wasting time backtracking.
- Try writing much of your story before you go, then you need only fill in the blanks, including some of those “I’ve-been-there anecdotes.” This also gives you an idea of what you need to check in order to see if anything has changed, such as a hotel’s name or a great restaurant that has gone out of business or is now serving really lousy or very expensive food.



- If possible, contact in advance those people in charge of your featured tourist destinations so they can meet with you, provide needed quotes or inside information that adds value to your story. This contact may also be needed to complete the necessary photo release forms, which are required in most cases.

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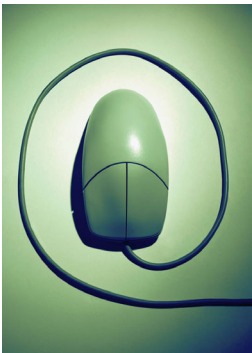
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- Credibility is important; don't try to write about places you've never visited. Sometimes you can get away with it, although those stories usually lack the personal insight that good travel features require.

For the travel book we have just written, *The Best of California's Missions, Mansions, and Museums* (to be released in September 2006), in less than one year's time, we personally visited over 250 destinations and ultimately wrote about 140 of them. The manuscript is expected to top out at 130,000 words. Needless to say, doing our pre-travel research was critical!

In the next issue, we'll cover *Travel Writing 1B: Types of Travel Articles*, then in the August issue, *Travel Writing 101: Tips on Selling Your Travel Stories*. Start doing your research! 



**Website Update:** Things are getting busier for us. We've posted the covers for our two newest books, both coming this September: *Chicken Soup for the Entrepreneur's Soul* and *The Best of California's Missions, Mansions, and Museums*. Also, we are starting to schedule appearances and book signings in California, soon throughout the U.S. We would love to meet you, so keep checking back to see if we'll be in your area!

## Chicken Soup for the Sisters' and Brothers' Soul

Relationships between sisters and brothers span a lifetime, thus creating those special sibling memories and stories that will last much longer. Even though no deadline has been established (it's predicted that this title will be released in 2008, so a tentative deadline would be mid-2007), we still need stories. Submit stories to [Story@PublishingSyndicate.com](mailto:Story@PublishingSyndicate.com).



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### Yummy Titles that Need Stories!

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Chicken Soup for the Coffee Lover's Soul

Chicken Soup for the Tea Lover's Soul  
Chicken Soup for the Wine Lover's Soul

Submit stories for these titles to [www.chickensoup.com](http://www.chickensoup.com)

We are offering an **extra-value incentive** to those of you who are interested in submitting stories for either *Menopausal Soul* or *Red Hat Society Soul*. If you purchase our **Wow Principles #1** e-booklet--**Seven Steps to Wow Publishers Into Purchasing Your Nonfiction Stories**--then submit a story for either title, we will provide you with a free evaluation of your story! We typically charge \$250 per hour for these consulting services! Visit our website ([www.PublishingSyndicate.com](http://www.PublishingSyndicate.com)) to order your copy! Please send stories for the following two titles directly to [Story@PublishingSyndicate.com](mailto:Story@PublishingSyndicate.com).

### Chicken Soup for the Menopausal Soul

Light-hearted stories about that "second coming-of-age" told from the perspectives of those women who have experienced it and those men who have lived through it!

Deadline: November 1, 2006

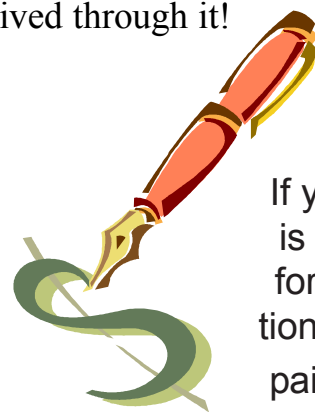
Slated Release: August 2007

### Chicken Soup for the Red Hat Society Soul

This book will feature stories by the women who belong to this very unique, worldwide women's organization.

Deadline: November 1, 2006

Slated Release: October 2007



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