



7 Resources for Finding Publications that Pay

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As travel writers, it's important to grow and develop a solid database of publications where you can get published.

If you're like me you're probably always on the lookout for more places to be published or for publications with greater readership numbers.

But most of all, I'm always looking for publications *that pay*.

Here are some great resources to help you dig in and find more paying publications that align with your interests.

We'll start with five that cost nothing to join, then we'll look at two that charge a fee.

1. FREEDOMWITHWRITING.COM

A subscription to Freedomwithwriting.com provides information on paying publications and even writing contests. Follow this [link](#) to subscribe.

Via email you'll receive a magazine listing publications seeking submissions. Here are the headings from the latest issue I received:

"11 Magazines that Pay for Tech Writing"

"7 Magazines that Pay Writers \$500+ for Feature Articles"

"10 Publishers that Pay \$250 Per Article."

And another recent email listed "79 Travel Magazines, Websites and Blogs that Pay Writers." As you might expect, that one got my immediate attention!

I carefully perused the list for ones I thought would be a good fit and went straight to the writer's guidelines to bookmark them for future reference. I studied the sites in-depth to find the slant and tone of each publication. As a result, I sent several queries and now have my fingers crossed while I keep an eye on my inbox.

Members are also offered a free download called *The Paid Publishing Guidebook: 654 Magazines, Websites and Blogs that Pay Writers*.

2. ISSUU.COM

Issuu.com calls itself a "Digital Publishing Platform for Magazines, Catalogs and More." By signing up, you'll receive a weekly Issuu Digest showing the latest magazines covering home and garden, travel, health and a wide range of other topics. Most have specific target audiences, such as the U.K., Italy, Dubai, Chicago, St. Louis, and South Australia. As always, it's important to find ones that are good matches for your stories, your demographic and geographical location.

In just an hour this past week, I uncovered 13 magazines to take a closer look at. One, in particular, caught my eye and would likely interest all of us. *Lonely Planet* was seeking "best new travel photos (300 dpi) and the stories behind them (100 words or less)."

DRIFT Travel was also looking for travel photographers and photo journalists. Resources such as this can help us find these gold nuggets.

3. WRITERSWEEKLY.COM

By subscribing to WritersWeekly.com, you not only receive listings of magazines that pay freelance writers, you get notices of contests and the opportunity to submit articles about the process and challenges of travel writing for their website. Accepted submissions pay \$60.00.

Currently, they're in the market for success stories and articles about unique assignments you've had.

4. AUTHORSPUBLISH.COM

This site is geared primarily to book writers vs. travel articles. However, the website is seeking non-fiction, fiction, poetry, and photography. At least two of those categories fit all of us here at the Travel Writer's Café.

Just this week their email announced "16 Themed Calls for Submissions" and "15 Creative Non-Fiction Markets for Writers." One enticing listing applied to grandparents, and another was seeking stories from people who have "started a new career in their Golden Years."

Both have my name written all over them, and I'd bet it will fit many other writers in this group as well.

To encourage subscriptions, the site is now offering a free e-book called "Submit, Publish, Repeat." You can find the link [here](#).

5. FREELANCEWRITING.COM

FreelanceWriting.com delivers the latest freelance writing jobs. When you sign up on the website, you'll receive emails with the latest writing and copywriting jobs. Members can actually apply for these jobs on the website.

The site also contains writer resources such as free e-books and a section of writer's guidelines for 775 publications. In addition, these publications are subdivided into categories with specific niches such as Aviation, Gardening, History, Outdoors, Regional and Travel to name a few.

6. WRITERSMARKET.COM

For years, Writer's Market has been the standard place to find listings of book publishers, consumer magazines and trade journals. The print volume costs \$49.99 and includes a one-year access to the online data base, but you'll likely need to buy an updated version every year.

If you opt for the online version only, the cost is \$5.99 monthly, \$24.99 for 6 months or \$39.99 for a year. There are thousands of listings, and some writers have found it helpful.

I've only found a handful I thought would apply to me such as Food and Drink, State-specific publications, and Travel. I believe the greatest usefulness for

Writer's Market comes when you have a wide variety of niches. So, certainly give it a try and see if it works for you.

7. TRAVELMAGAZINEDATABASE.COM

This travel publication database provides access to over 500 magazines that are specifically travel-related. It's not just a listing but gives detailed tips on HOW to pitch to the magazines. Full access costs \$20 per month or \$200 for a full year.

You can cancel your membership at any time. A big incentive on the website states: "If you use the Travel Magazine Database for three months to pitch regularly and get no responses whatsoever, not only will we give you ALL OF YOUR MONEY BACK, we will also give you three pitch-letter critiques and a coaching call to get your pitching on track so you DO get responses from editors." In the interest of full disclosure, I have not signed up for this database yet, but I am strongly considering it.

Remember also that as members of the Travel Writer's Café, we have the advantage of sharing our stories and publications with each other on our Facebook forum.

That perk alone gives us great insight into what others are doing and where they're finding success.

Setting time aside each week to research publications is definitely one of the keys to travel writing success.

Here's to all of us successfully finding more publications, pitching to responsive editors, and depositing more checks into our bank accounts!