

FWA Collection #1 – From Our Family to Yours

This is a working title for one of FWA's newest projects—a collection of short stories [1500 words or less], written by FWA members, published by FWA, and marketed across the nation through national booksellers as well as on our own website.

The publication will be feature stories about families—good stories, funny stories, make-you-cry stories, even a family of aliens, fiction or nonfiction—as long as they're about family relationships, the stories are eligible. FWA's Editing Committee will select up to sixty of the best ones from the electronic submissions received before the deadline. Then, Suzette Standring, our Person of Renown, who is an FWA member and a former president of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists, will name her most loved ten.

FWA plans a new *Collection* each year, with a new theme and a new Person of Renown. The author will retain the copyright to his/her work.

Interested? Here are the details.

1. Submissions for this first *Collection* will be accepted from March 1, 2009, through May 31, 2009. An e-mail address for submissions will be provided in the E-Newsletter, *The Florida Writer*, below, and at our website.
2. You must be an FWA member to submit. If your membership will lapse before the book is printed in the fall of 2009, your submission will not be considered for inclusion.
3. Authors whose stories are selected will be required to sign a legal release for one-time North American printing rights to be assigned to Florida Writers Association.
4. All submissions are contributed to FWA for publication in exchange for recognition by FWA members.
5. FWA retains republishing rights for the entire collections, including electronically, and authors retain the rights to republish their own short story individually, if they so desire.
6. There is no limit to the number of times a member may submit.
7. We encourage submission of a black and white photo to be included with your entry.
8. We encourage your participation in one of FWA's Critique Groups to strengthen your writing and potentially increase your chances for selection.
9. Authors will receive entry receipt confirmation, and will be notified of acceptance for inclusion or rejection. Entries will not be edited but, if rejected, may include suggestions for strengthening.
10. Rejected stories may be rewritten and resubmitted, as long as the submission deadline is met. Decisions by the *Collection Committee* are final. There are no guarantees on the amount of time needed to accept/reject submissions.
11. FWA does not retain any rights to unselected works without written author approval.
12. *FWA's Collection #1 - From Our Family to Yours* will be sold through our website, at the Conference Bookstore, and through national outlets, such as Barnes & Noble, Amazon, etc.

This is a great opportunity to have your work published, and a super way to support FWA. Watch for more news about *FWA's Collection #1 - From Our Family to Yours*.

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Send submissions to FWACollection1@floridawriters.net