



Writers Guidelines

The Point welcomes stories carrying the A.A. message of experience, strength and hope. The committee evaluates articles based on the Twelve Traditions and edits for clarity and length. We like personal stories and movie reviews as well as step, tradition and concept articles corresponding to the month (12th Step/Tradition/Concept in the 12th month). Please feel free to suggest topics. We encourage our writers, poets and visual artists to express their experience in their own way.

Keep the body of the story about 600 words. Please include a five- to seven-word title at the top of the page. Add a byline with the author's first name and last initial. If you like, suggest a subtitle about five words long and a couple of pull quotes.

Article Title & Byline Example

Title = *The First Step Comes to Life*

Subtitle = Lack of power was the dilemma

Byline = by Jill N.

- Be specific, concrete and anecdotal: Describe the story so readers can picture it.
- Always run spell check.
- Avoid columns, headers or footers.
- Use a single-spaced 12 point font like Times or Century.

Style Tips

Abbreviate A.A. with periods unless spelling out Alcoholics Anonymous. Italicize book titles such as *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. Capitalize the first letter of each word for Twelve Traditions, Twelve Steps, Step One and Tradition One. Use lower case for “the steps” and “the traditions.”

In general, use the *AP Stylebook* as a style guide (e.g., spell out numbers one through nine and use numerals for numbers 12 and up).

Final Notes

Article submission does not constitute a promise of publication. *The Point* does not pay for articles or return them. We may reprint material without requesting additional author permission, but we always include author bylines. If an article is not run in the current issue, we will save it in our bank for future use—and we thank you for your service.

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