

The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration

# The Writer's Guide to Being Published by The Grannie Annie

Young People Learning and Sharing Family Stories – [www.TheGrannieAnnie.org](http://www.TheGrannieAnnie.org)

If you would like to be published by The Grannie Annie, it would be a good idea to read a number of stories in past volumes or on The Grannie Annie website. You will find that authors published by The Grannie Annie tell their own story in their own descriptive and engaging way. Also be sure to follow The Grannie Annie Official Guidelines.

The Grannie Annie tends to publish

- Stories from an earlier generation of the author's family
- Stories from 275 to 500 words long
- Stories that center on *one* main point or event, with details and background information that relate directly to that theme
- Stories that have an easy-going, natural way of unfolding, as if the author were speaking to the reader in his or her own voice
- Stories that are interesting to read, that make the event come alive by using active verbs, a variety of sentence structures, dialogue, and/or descriptive language
- Stories that allow readers to come to their own conclusions—that do not include the author's opinion about the story

The Grannie Annie tends not to publish

- Stories that follow a rigid formula or read more like an essay or report than a *story*
- Stories that are disorganized
- Stories that touch on several points or events but do not develop any one theme
- Stories that are very similar in content to stories published in earlier volumes