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With over 11,000 publicatons, magazines are the most flourishing market for both the aspiring and professional writer. But it is a constantly changing market that requires know-how and skill to succeed in. This book eliminates the guesswork and teaches the science of getting an article published. From query letters to the final draft to anticipating potential pitfalls and problems, this manual provides solid insider information on what articles sell and how and who to sell them to.

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I had never sold any writing before reading this book and sold about 8 "how to articles" to magazines after reading it. Eva has a newer book out on this subject now, that I have not read yet but it has great reviews. This is a "how to" book that really gives results!

I read this book, followed the advice, and got published. Unlike some dry how-to books, this one is a breeze to read. It focuses on the low-tech approach of mailing out queries and manuscripts - I suppose some people do it all online now.

This book absolutely covers everything a writer could possibly want to know about writing and selling to magazines. It is a point-by-point easy to follow guide and a goldmine of great innovative ideas from a fellow author who knows her stuff. I highly recommend this book for any writer or anyone hoping to break into the writing field.

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