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I'm Late! I'm Late! I'm Late for an Important Date!

For most everyone, procrastination is a result of not setting priorities. Do you often put off writing your special story/novel/screenplay because you have to go shopping, baby sit, fix dinner, pull weeds or pick up dog poop? Everyone's priorities (a.k.a. excuses) differ only slightly, but the result is always the same: You suddenly see that deadline looming to submit stories for a new *Chicken Soup* title, and you rush to write your perfect story and submit it via e-mail at 11:59 p.m. of the deadline date! Bad idea!



We've heard many use the excuse that writing under the pressure of a deadline brings out the best in their creativity. Maybe so, but you may have significantly reduced your chances of being published by waiting until the last minute to submit your story. Here's why...

As coauthors/editors of several *Chicken Soup* titles, we begin watching for strong stories from the first day we have a book contract in-hand. It takes about a year or so to gather enough great stories for a book, and by that posted final submission deadline, we usually have 95 percent of the stories needed for the title. So come deadline time, we're only looking for those five or six very specific types of stories to fill in the manuscript's missing holes. From the posted deadline, we generally have just a few weeks to final the book's pre-production process.

***Tips for ending procrastination
and becoming a better
writer found on page 2!***



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Tips for ending procrastination

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Evaluate your daily schedule and carve out at least a half hour to write, then stick to your schedule!




If you take public transportation to work, use that commute time to write.



Join a local writing group that meets regularly. Peer pressure is a very powerful stimulant.



Keep a log, perhaps a wall calendar, documenting specific deadlines you want to meet, then jot down how many words you've written each day toward that deadline. The days when you produce nothing will become obvious, especially as the deadline looms!

For more tips on ending procrastination, check out *Wow Principles #1* on our website. Get writing...there's lots of deadlines on your horizon! 

Chicken Soup for the Actively Retired Soul

We are accepting stories for *Chicken Soup for the Actively Retired Soul*. This book will feature inspiring and humorous stories about the thousands of Baby Boomers (born between 1946-1964) who are retiring every day and will continue to do so until 78 million have reached that magical moment. These retirees are not dreaming of their parent's idea of retirement—no rocking chairs for them, unless it's in a hospital cancer ward helping sick kids or on the porch of an exotic vacation bungalow. This generation of retirees is taking on new and challenging "second careers," allowing themselves to remain young-at-heart. This book will inspire those who have retired or are thinking about it into doing great things for their friends, their communities, their country—and for themselves.

Send stories to Story@PublishingSyndicate.com.



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Chicken Soup for the Nurse's Soul II

You are invited to submit a true story, 1000 words or less, that will inspire and make readers laugh, cry or sigh! You may submit more than one story; previously published pieces are accepted. For each story selected, a 50-word biography will be included about the author and a permission fee of \$200 paid. The submission deadline is October 31, 2006. E-mail stories with your name, address and phone number on the manuscript to ChickenSoup@LeAnnThieman.com.

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Chicken Soup for the Mother's and Daughter's Soul II -- deadline is June 2006

Chicken Soup for the New Mom's Soul -- deadline is June 2006

Submit stories for these two titles to www.chickensoup.com

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We are offering an **extra-value incentive** to those of you who are interested in submitting stories for either *Menopausal Soul* or *Red Hat Society Soul*. If you purchase our **Wow Principles #1** e-booklet--**Seven Steps to Wow Publishers Into Purchasing Your Nonfiction Stories**--then submit a story for either title, we will provide you with a free evaluation of your story! We typically charge \$250 per hour for these consulting services! Visit our website (www.PublishingSyndicate.com) to order your copy! Please send stories for the following two titles directly to Story@PublishingSyndicate.com.

Chicken Soup for the Menopausal Soul

Light-hearted stories about that "second coming-of-age" told from the perspectives of those women who have experienced it and those men who have lived through it!

Deadline: November 1, 2006

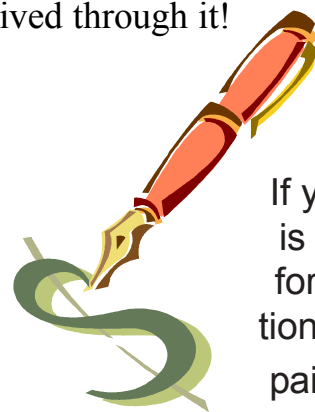
Slated Release: August 2007

Chicken Soup for the Red Hat Society Soul

This book will feature stories by the women who belong to this very unique, worldwide women's organization.

Deadline: November 1, 2006

Slated Release: October 2007



If your story is selected for publication, you'll be paid \$200!

Go for it! You can do it! Get published!

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