

Being a parent is a bit like riding an express train, don't you think?

What's it all about?

Sometimes it feels like everything is happening so fast and at the same time, those experiences are totally new and often amazing. Being a parent can be exhilarating, joyful, bittersweet, maddening or exhausting; sometimes a combination of all these emotions just in one day! That's why we need to express ourselves. Our society doesn't value parenting very much, so it's no surprise that finding an outlet can be next to impossible.

parentingexpress.com is a website dedicated to doing just that: giving a voice to parents (and people who care for children) writing creative non-fiction, memoir, poetry or anecdote about their experiences of giving birth, raising children, living with children and anything about being a parent. We want honest material that 'tells it like it is' - the good, the bad and the ugly!

How to submit

Submissions by email only, pasted into the body of the message with 'Website Submission' in the header. (No attachments accepted). **Please spellcheck and proof read your work.** There is no limit on word length, but keep in mind that readers generally will want to browse or limit their viewing to short articles under 3,000 words. If you are sending a birth story, please title it with your first name, the name of your child and the year of his/her birth (eg, 'Adele's story of Geoffrey's birth, 1949'). Anonymity is acceptable but please let me know your pseudonym. Material will be uploaded regularly so you can submit at any time.

Payment and other stuff

I'm investing a considerable sum of money and time in this project because it's my passion and I want to create a space for parents to express their feelings and experiences. Material will be gratefully received but no payments granted. I reserve the right to accept or reject material without giving any reasons why. You can submit as much material as you like but remember that I don't want 'fiction' from people who aren't parents; fictionalised personal experiences are fine. Do not send me material that you haven't written yourself! All copyright remains with the author, however I may seek to publish accepted material in print form at a later date (in the form of an anthology).



**So what are you waiting for?
Contact me with your submission!**

Send material to
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Thank you,
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