

Six Word Memoirs:
Write Your Own This Week While You Are Still Snowbound

If you wish, e-mail me your six word memoirs (multiples welcomed) plus any of your "Snow Memories" from last week so I can take a look at them.

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You may have seen some **Six Word Memoirs** in books such as *It All Changed in an Instant: More Six-Word Memoirs by Writers Famous & Obscure* by Larry Smith and Rachel Fershleiser or *Not Quite What I Was Planning, Revised and Expanded Deluxe Edition: Six-Word Memoirs by Writers Famous and Obscure* by Rachel Fershleiser.

In addition, you may have seen some compositions in Smith magazine, which originally ran the readers' contest, or in AARP Magazine which has offered the contest with Smith Magazine. <http://sixwordmemoirs.aarpmagazine.org/featured> AARP has suggested a list of categories for your memoirs and below are a few of the entries sent in by readers:

1. **Best Advice I've Given or Gotten:** (Get Your Jewelry Early in Marriage.)
2. **Milestone Birthdays:** (Birthdays are merely numbers; celebrate daily.)
3. **Holiday Traditions:** (Septic full. Water witched. Thanksgiving saved.)
4. **A Memorable Meal:** (Fenway hot dog, ice cold beer) & (Winter night hike, campfire, eating marshmallows)
5. **Siblings:** (Wasn't me. I didn't do it.) & (Four brothers. Three Marines. Two graves.)
6. **Cheating Death:** (INCURABLE Cancer? We'll see about that!) & (Coin swallowed. Mom frozen. Grandma whacks.)
7. **The Trip That Changed My Life:** (Morgue. Love of Life Was Gone.) & (Uprooted at 16, home resides within.) & (Left Indiana cornfields for island paradise)
8. **Life Overall:** (Up. Down. What an Astounding Ride.) & (Best kept secret: Dogs don't tell.)

Take a look at the AARP Web site above to see more examples of Six Word Memoirs plus names of the contributors of the selections quoted above.

Hope to see you all next week.

Stay warm.

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