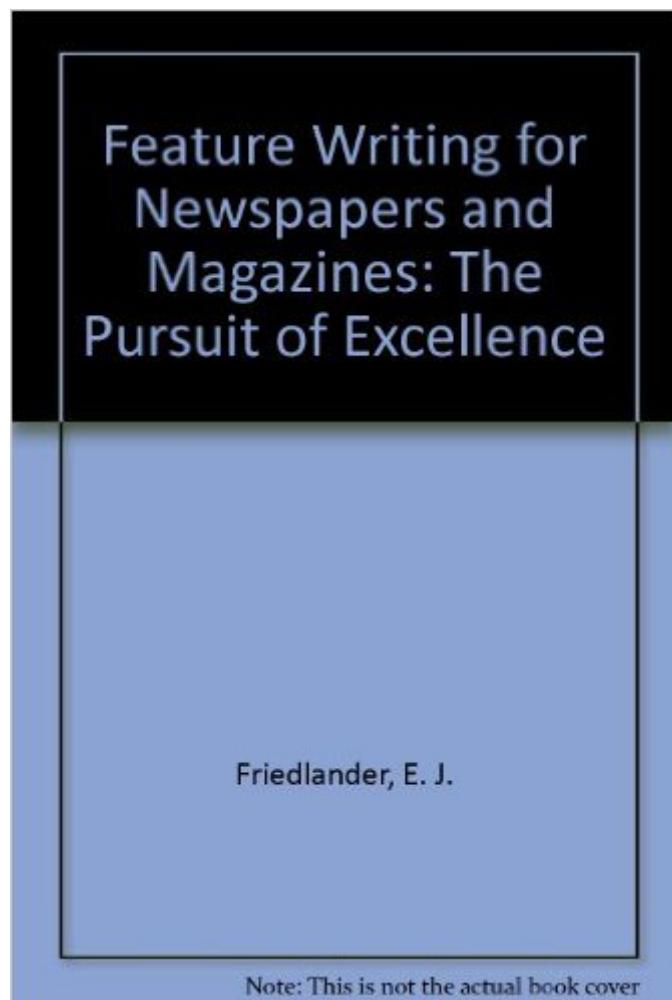


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This book offers a good overview of feature writing for both magazines and newspapers. However, when I compared the first edition of this text (1988) with the current 4th edition, I noticed very little difference, other than a huge price increase. Some of the book has been updated, but the sections that are aren't too relevant or useful. Thus, if you have the original edition of this otherwise fine text, don't bother to buy the newer version--it's nearly identical.

This is my favorite textbook ever. I mean it: ever. And, that's saying a lot since I started college in the fall of 1995 and won't finish up for another 26 days (at my third college). This book, Feature Writing for Newspapers and Magazines, The Pursuit of Excellence, by Jay Friedlander and John Lee, was the absolute perfect book to end my collegiate career. Why? Because not only is it full of useful (as in I went straight home and put the advice into immediate practice in my freelance writing business) tips, the authors fill many chapters with Pulitzer Prize winning examples -- stories that are difficult to find elsewhere, stories that will move your soul and inspire your muse. Sure, there were a few pages when I would nod and think, "Yes. Yes. I've read this before." But there were many, many more pages that caused me to take feverish notes and some even had me running to the copy machine to make a copy for the "helpful tips" notebook that sits on my desk. For instance, on

page 296, the section on "Avoiding Common Mistakes" is priceless. But, what I want to know is this: why didn't someone share this information with me from the beginning? Life would have been so much easier -- and less embarrassing -- and I would have saved oodles of time. Yeah, the book covers the basics -- like story structure and trends, but it also talks about focusing your ideas and what won't work. It also lays down the law on page 67 with the section "Three Necessary Skills for the Freelance Writer." Got 'em? Great. Don't? You might want to re-think your profession. What if you don't feel comfortable interviewing? After chapter five you will. Would you rather poke your eyes out than revise? Chapter 9 will come to your rescue. Not sure what your rights and boundaries are? Chapter 10, "Legal and Ethical Considerations for Writers" covers the details. Seriously, I never thought I'd say this: but I can't wait to read this textbook again. It's one that will live on my bookshelves for as long as I'm trading words for dollars.

I am using this book for my intro feature writing course. Its best feature is the collection of award-winning articles that is included in various chapters. It also provides an insight into their writer's frame of mind. Other advice and tips given by the authors of this book is also good; but most of them are quite obvious. For example, writing chapter includes usual writing tips like use of active voice etc. However, beginners may nevertheless find them useful. However, the book is worth the price simply as an excellent anthology of award winning feature articles.

An incredible book as it has all you need and more really. Loved the fact that I got it for next to nothing and also so quickly! I would have bought the latest edition if this one was no longer available as it is worth its price in gold!

Great and on time!

This is a very informative book about writing feature articles for newspapers and magazines. It was easy to read and apply. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in writing.

This textbook was chosen for an undergrad/graduate course that I took in magazine article writing. I took the course as a non-traditional (read: old enough to be the undergrads' parent) graduate student. I have some experience as a published magazine writer. I found the text terribly outdated. Many examples used in this book were stories from before the young people (undergrads) in my class were even born. Partway through the semester, the newer version of this textbook came out,

so the \$100 I plunked down for a useless textbook is now worth \$6 on resale. Absolutely not recommended.

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