Opportunity Knocks #34

New calls for submissions and writing opportunities to occupy you for the next two weeks. Get started! Email publishme@colum.edu with any questions or comments.

Open Submissions

The Flexible Persona
*What They Publish:* Fiction in audio and print format.

Houseguest
*Their Angle:* Celebrating the juxtaposition of the common and the strange
*What They Publish:* Poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and visual-art

The Drunken Odyssey
*Their Angle:* Looking for personal essays on beloved books for their “Books that Changed My Life” segments. 500-800 words.
*What They Publish:* Essays
*Link:* [www.thedrunkenodyssey.com](http://www.thedrunkenodyssey.com)

The Birds We Piled Loosely
*Their Angle:* Writing and art of all kinds; experimental as well as traditional
*What They Publish:* Poetry, Flash fiction, non-fiction, visual art, “and whatever else impresses us”
*Link:* [https://birdspiledloosely.wordpress.com/](https://birdspiledloosely.wordpress.com/)

Really System
*Their Angle:* “We are looking for vibrant poems inflected by our shared technocultural moment and the ways it envelops us, fascinates us, dances with us, ignores us, and fails us.”
*What They Publish:* Poetry
Contests

Proud To Be: Writing by American Warriors Contest
*Their Angle:* The publishing press at Southeast Missouri State University sponsors an annual contest. This annual anthology includes stories written by military family members and veterans as a creative outlet to share their profound experiences and emotions.

*Prize:* $250
*Deadline:* June 6, 2015
*Link:* [http://www6.semo.edu/universitypress/Contests/PTB_Contest.htm](http://www6.semo.edu/universitypress/Contests/PTB_Contest.htm)

WNDB Short Story Contest
*Their Angle:* We Need Diverse Books (WNDB) is hosting a short story contest to support diversity and improve exposure for diverse books and writers, with the intention of inspiring a vast array of readers at the same time.

*Prize:* $1000
*Deadline:* May 8, 2015

Bevel Summers Short Story Prize
*Their Angle:* Shenandoah Literary Review (est. 1950) is inviting prose writers to submit their short stories to this year's Bevel Summers Prize, sponsored by Washington and Lee University faculty.

*Prize:* $1000
*Deadline:* March 31, 2015

Wolfe Pack's Black Orchid Novella Award
*Their Angle:* The judges are reviewing unpublished fiction in the convention and style of the Nero Wolfe series: a traditional mystery in which the lead character, an investigator, must solve the crime using basic dogmatic skills and the victim already knows the villain.

*Prize:* $1000 + Publication in upcoming issue of *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*
*Deadline:* May 31, 2015

New York Times Modern Love Essay Contest
*Their Angle:* The *New York Times* is holding a national essay contest for college students called the Modern Love College Essay Contest. The judges want to find the most outstanding personal essay that defines what modern love means to a college student these days.

*Prize:* $1000 + Publication in an exclusive NYT modern love column
*Deadline:* March 15, 2015