



Submission Guidelines: Collection 18, *Fragments*

Eligibility: Only Florida Writers Association Members with an active membership through October 31, 2026 are eligible to submit their work. Submission is a free member benefit.

Submission Window: February 15 to April 30, 2026. All entries must be submitted online at floridawriters.org.

Requirements:

- We welcome one (1) submission of your best and most polished writing.
- Only original, unpublished fiction, creative nonfiction, flash fiction, and poetry written in English will be considered for publication.
- Words or phrases in languages other than English should be italicized and may be incorporated in the text if they enhance the setting, characters, or plot.
- Simultaneous submissions are not allowed. This includes entries submitted to any print or electronic publication, website, or contest.

Theme: Entries must focus on the Collection 18 theme of *Fragments*.

Word & Line Counts:

- Fiction & Nonfiction: 850 words minimum – 1,500 words maximum
- Flash Fiction: 250 words minimum – 500 words maximum
- Poetry: 50 lines maximum

Formatting:

- Format your Word document (.doc or .docx) file for ease of readability. No PDFs please.
- Entry title at top of page
- Author's name must *not* appear on any page
- Prose double spaced, justified left, indent new paragraphs, indicate scene breaks with three asterisks, Times New Roman 12-point font
- Poetry may be double or single spaced and need not be justified left. However, any special formatting should serve to enhance the theme of the piece and should not detract from the poem's readability.

Upload Requirements:

- Entry File must be labeled with author's name, legal last name first, the entry title; long titles may be shortened. Example: ***DoeJohnADaySun.doc***—title shortened from *A Day in the Sun*.
- Entrants selected for publication will be asked to provide a headshot and a 30-word bio.

Reasons for Disqualifications:

- Works of erotica or containing non-aesthetic profanity will not be considered for publication.
- Florida Writers Association reserves the right to disqualify any entry at its sole discretion.
- Any submission previously published in any print or electronic format—including a blog or on any other social media platform.

Please note:

- The Collection 18 editorial team will not offer feedback on any submission.
- Publication in Collection 18 is subject to the discretion of the editorial staff and the executive editor.
- The Collection 18 editorial team is not allowed to submit to the Collection in the category for which they edit.