

What Is Memoir?

- Memoirs allow us to revisit and reflect on things that happened in the past.
- Memoirs allow us to gain perspective on the things that happened in the past.
- Memoirs express who the writer is now and who he or she was at a particular time in his or her life.
- Memoirs can bring readers “into the life” of the writer.
- Memoirs are based on real-life events and experiences.
- Memoirs reveal the writer’s feelings about events and/or experiences.
- Memoirs are meaningful and often show what the writer learned from the event or experience.
- Memoirs are often focused on one event or one point in the writer’s life.
- Memoirs are about the writer’s experience of an event rather than just the event itself.

