



# William Meiners

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## SUMMARY

Deadline-crushing journalist and creative writer looking for contract work or a perfect-fitting fulltime position. Along with nearly 30 years of experience as a writer and editor, I bring a passion for storytelling and tailored messaging to each job.

## EDUCATION

- **Fiction Writing MFA — 2003** Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
- **Fiction Writing MFA — 1996** Columbia College-Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- **BA Journalism — 1992** Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana

## WRITER

**William Meiners Writing** Mount Pleasant, Michigan

July 2015 – Present

- Creative nonfiction book: *Though the Odds Be Great or Small: Notre Dame's 1957 Comeback Season and the Year That Changed College Football*. Coauthored with Terry Brennan, who played and coached at Notre Dame in the 1940s and 1950s. Published by Loyola Press in August 2021.
- Journalism: *Gratiot County Herald*. Reporter from February 2021 to present. Typically write five to six stories for each issue of the weekly paper.
- Higher Education: More than 15 years of experience as a senior project editor at Purdue University (1999-2013) and Central Michigan University (2013-2016). Provided editorial lead on over 40 publications for the College of Engineering.

## EDITOR

**Founding Editor** *Sport Literate*, Chicago, Illinois and Mount Pleasant, Michigan

January 1995 – Present

- Founder: created a renowned literary journal exploring sports primarily through creative nonfiction.
- Grant writer: received and managed 18 consecutive awards from the Illinois Arts Council (IAC).
- Editor: worked with more than 500 contributors, including three IAC award winners.

## TEACHER

**English Instructor and Writing and Reading Center Consultant** Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Mid Michigan College, Mount Pleasant and Harrison campuses

January 2016 – Present

- Creative writing: Encouraged students to find their voices in poetry, creative nonfiction, fiction, and drama in this class at the Tribal College.
- Academic writing: Teach English 110, an introductory writing course, and English 222, a sophomore-level class where students explore and write about a topic within their future fields.
- Writing advisor: Advised students in one-on-one sessions in the Mid Michigan Writing and Reading Center (in 2016-17).

## HONORS

- *Sport Literate's* "Fight Club" issue named among the "Notable Special Issues from 2019" in *The Best American Essays 2020*.
- Published more than 30 essayists recognized in *Best American Essays* and *Best American Sports Writing* anthologies.
- Brian Mexicott Award for best original drama — Purdue's 71<sup>st</sup> annual Literary Awards.
- Kneale Award winner for best graduate fiction — Purdue's 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Literary Awards.
- A fall 2002 participant in *Guideposts* magazine writer's workshop — invited guest from more than 5,000 contestant entries.

References available upon request  
Writing samples at [www.WilliamMeiners.com](http://www.WilliamMeiners.com)