



Six Tips for Writing Six-Word Memoirs

What are the elements of a good Six-Word Memoir? Lots of things: a story that's at once personal and that others can relate to ("Finally learned that 'weird' is a compliment."); an idea about something very specific ("I seriously love school bean burritos."); a very real, perhaps hard personal sentiment ("Can say I beat depression, finally."); a personal philosophy ("Life is better with headphones on."); and it's always okay not to take yourself too seriously ("The psychic said I'd be richer.")

1. Be Specific (imagery helps)

"I'm more Clark Kent than Superman."

2. Be Honest

"I pretend to be a vegetarian."

3. Write "Real"— Write Like You Talk

"My brain's a box of crayons."

4. Have Fun With Word Order & Structure

"Defined by numbers: age, weight, SATs."

5. Tell a Story

"We were banned from Wal-Mart forever."

6. Be Yourself

"Big hair, big heart, big hurry."

