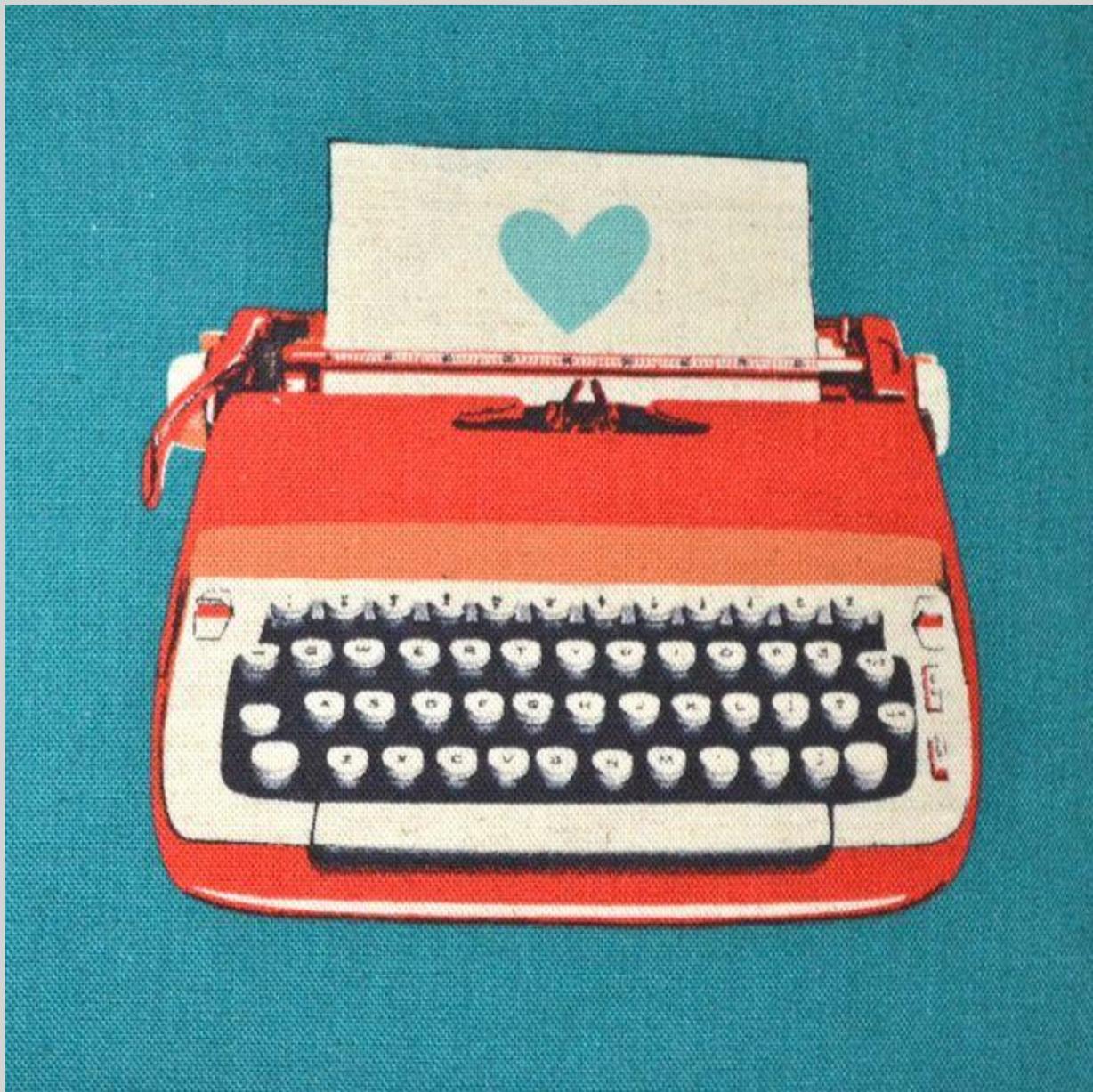


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**March Newsletter:  
Memoir Tips and Don't Forget Mom**



Greetings!

Want to try your hand at memoir writing but don't know where to start? Here are 5 secret weapons that should get you going in no time.

1. **Don't attempt to write your entire life story.** A memoir is not an autobiography. While the story of your birth might be a captivating tale, if it doesn't factor into your larger story arc, skip it and get to the good stuff.
2. **But what's the good stuff?** Get out a piece of paper, turn it lengthwise and draw a line. This is your life timeline. Now think of moments of your life that were high points and mark those with a dash and a short comment. Now do the same with the low points of your life. Finally, mark times that were light bulb moments or turning points in your life. Take a step back and look at your timeline. What part is ripe with content? What details make page turners? **That's the good stuff.**

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## Featured Story: Therese Schenfeld



Therese was born October 20, 1932 to Anne Lydon Browne and James Browne, both from County Mayo, Ireland. Her parents immigrated to Chicago in the early 1920s and were married August 26, 1925.

Anne and James settled on the west side of the city, what is now called the Lawndale area. At the time, it was a mixed group of Irish, Italian and Jewish immigrants, all hoping to make the American Dream a reality.

"It was like a civil war growing up in the neighborhood. But there was no fighting," said Therese. "We just stuck to our own. There were so few cars that we could play Red Rover in the streets while our parents sat on the porch."

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Thanks for reading. See you next month. - Nora

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