

## Six-word Memoirs – EXAMPLES:

NOTE: The six-word memoir project and phenomenon was founded by Larry Smith and Tim Barko of *Smith Magazine* in 2006 having been inspired by Ernest Hemingway's well-known six-word story: "For sale: baby shoes, never worn."

Here are some selected examples of six-word memoirs from various sources:

From *Not Quite What I Was Planning* book:

- Nobody cared, then they did. Why? – Chuck Klosterman
- Dad died, mom crazy, me, too. — Moby
- I write because I can't sleep. — Ben Mezrich
- Fifteen years since last professional haircut. — Dave Eggers
- Born bald. Grew hair. Bald again. — A. J. Jacobs
- Well, I thought it was funny. — Stephen Colbert
- Relatively famous parents, very low self-esteem. — Molly Jong-Fast
- Fearlessness is the mother of reinvention. — Arianna Huffington

From [SMITH Magazine](#):

- Someday, somehow, we all grow up. – HG129
- Baking all of my worries away. – FaithNicole
- My eyes shatter like glass. Divorce. – Jonathan Palash-Mizner
- Hindu and Indian are not languages. – cvadali
- Controlling my fear of losing control. – leelee.is.me
- Retreating: when one chocolate isn't enough. – CanadaGoose

From the [Kelly Writer's House](#) website:

- Her dreams kept her reality warm. – Lisa Anne Pottle
- Out of everyone, I chose you. – Samantha Yanez-Chavez
- A reader longing for the stars. – Rajshri Thakur
- Looking ahead. Looking back. No middle. – Gabe Oppenheim
- So many spaces, so few words. – Greg Djanikian
- If it's easy, am I missing something? – Chris Rippel
- A decision was made, I complied. – Lucy Dematti

From *Six-Word Memoirs on Jewish Life*:

- Everything with us a question. Why? – Mark Rosenblum
- Family spends meals discussing other meals. — Jana Loeb
- Former monochromatic wardrobe now seeking color. – Yaakov Hellinger
- I should have had the chicken. – Larry David
- The guilt threatens mobilize family gatherings. – Rebecca Guber