**Six-word Memoir**

Six-word memoirs originated in *SMITH Magazine* (<http://www.smithmag.net>)

 

These memoirs caught on quickly and have now appeared across the globe. Here is a great example on YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEkAHATRuRU).

If you would like more information or are interested in Six-word memoirs, here is an NPR radio spot about them: (<http://www.npr.org/player/v2/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=123289019&m=123331558>)

Both of these memoirs were about the same event, but only the second one makes it clear to the reader.

**Bad: Amazing; Painful, Rough; Funny and Dumb.**

**Good: Backflip; oops. Excruciating; mom laughing hysterically.**

**Your Six-word Memoir must be a purposeful, strong statement that can tell a story in only six words. It needs to include a photo or illustration that adds to the mood or adds impact to your memoir.**

Six-word memoir checklist:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is only 6 words

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is a purposeful/strong statement

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Include a photo or illustration that adds impact or adds to the mood of the memoir

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is free of grammar and spelling errors

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Has my name on it