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So you want to be a journalist? is a practical hands-on guide to the world of journalism, particularly for the beginner. It contains step-by-step instructions on writing for the news media and practical advice and suggestions on all facets of reporting. It covers the basic skills in:

- research and investigation
- interviewing
- writing news and feature material
- basic subediting and layout and design
- the essentials of grammar, spelling and punctuation
- relevant laws
- understanding and calculating data
- print, radio, television and online reporting
- ethical and professional behaviour.

The book demonstrates its points with many examples of fine writing and reporting in the very best traditions of journalism by some of the hundreds of students who have worked with the author over many years. It also shows what excellent work student reporters can produce, despite not having the resources of large news organisations behind them. It not only reveals how to do it, but also shows what can be achieved. *So you want to be a journalist?* is the book no student or novice journalist can afford to be without.

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