

RONA GINDIN

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VERSATILE EDITOR, WRITER, TV PERSONALITY AND AUTHOR EXPERIENCED WITH MAGAZINES, BOOKS AND WEBSITES

WRITER

Freelance Writer | 1990—Present

- Contribute(d) articles to dozens of consumer and business publications including *Endless Vacation*, *Go (Air Tran)*, *Parents*, *Brides*, *New York*, *Baby*, *Woman's World*, *Caribbean Travel & Life*, *American Way*, *shermanstravel.com*, *epicurious.com*, and *Bridal Guide*; specialize in dining, travel, parenting, bridal.
- Developed the websites *saveur.com* and *mariposastkitts.com*.
- Blog regularly for *ronarecommends.com* and *blog.ronarecommends.com*.
- Write travel-related advertising supplements for *Destination Weddings & Honeymoons* and *Islands*. Did same for the late *Spa, Resorts & Great Hotels*, *Florida Travel & Life*, and *Caribbean Travel & Life*.

AUTHOR

The Little Black Book of Disney World: The Essential Guide to the Magical Kingdom | Author

- Authored a complete guide to the world-famous theme park; published in 2008-2013 by Peter Pauper Press and updated annually. Winner of 2009 Merit Award by North American Travel Journalists Association.

Zagat Survey | Orlando Editor

- Write the Orlando restaurant, attractions and shopping sections of top guidebook.

Fodor's Walt Disney World | Restaurant Author

- Write entire restaurant section for respected travel guide.

Google | Maps Contributor

- Write summaries of restaurants, hotels and attractions for online maps.

Where Orlando/Eat | Author

- Wrote a comprehensive restaurant guide for the Orlando area (2008, The Globe Pequot Press).

Florida, The Rough Guide | Author

- Wrote the Central Florida chapter for a travel guide.

TV PERSONALITY

Good Day | Frequent Guest, 2013—Ongoing

- Talk monthly about area restaurant events and promotions.

On Dining with Rona Gindin | Host, 2008—2012

- Hosted cable TV show featuring Central Florida restaurants.

EDITOR

Winter Park Magazine | Dining Editor

- Write restaurant reviews and features for award-winning city publication.
- Previously served as restaurant critic for *Orlando* (2000-2009), *Winter Park* (2009-2011) and *Orlando Life*

Floridian View | Travel Columnist

- Wrote monthly column about destinations that could be visited in one day

Bonnier Corp. (aka World Publications) | Special Projects Editor

- Supervised the entire editorial process for a national consumer magazine called *Caribbean Travel Planner* and a hardbound hotel-room book named *Discover St. Thomas * St. John * St. Croix*.

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Gold Book Publishing | *Editor*

- Edited trade magazine and website features centering on the Caribbean.

Saveur's Wine Country | *Senior Editor*

- On the launch team for the premier issue of a fine-wine magazine.

Restaurant Business Magazine, Food Management Magazine | *Various editorial positions*

EDUCATION

State University of New York (Oneonta, NY) | *BA in Literature, Journalism and Philosophy*

University of Salamanca (Salamanca, Spain) | *Summer studies in Spanish language and culture*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Association of Food Journalists

Member, North American Travel Journalists Association

Member, International Food, Wine and Travel Writers Association

AWARDS

Merit Award, 2009, North American Travel Journalists Association, for *The Little Black Book of Walt Disney World: The Essential Guide to All the Magic*

SKILLS

Technical: Proficient in Microsoft Word, Outlook and Excel.

Languages: Working knowledge of Spanish

Style Manuals: Well-versed in Associate Press style