



## Submission guidelines

\*Don't send anything if you're not Canadian, a permanent resident of Canada or a landed immigrant. We respect that peeps in other countries are also doing good work, but we want to make Canadian fiction more fun, which doesn't work if we don't publish Canadian fiction.

\*But we love unpublished authors! Try us! Don't worry, though, we don't discriminate. You can try us even if you have been published before.

\*The key word in all this is "fiction". Don't send us your novellas, poetry, screenplays, children's books, essays or angry rants. We just want your novel-length fiction. (Think about 70,000 words or more.) We might make an exception for a crazy good set of short stories, but that's it.

\*Send us your work via e-mail. We like trees and we don't like crazy weather. Don't cut down more trees and send us more stuff to recycle. Put something relevant in the subject line like "Submission Query" along with the title of your work. Subject lines like "Hello!" usually end up in the junk bin.

\*If you are truly committed to killing trees, you can send us something on paper. Make sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so we can let you know what we think. We will not return any paper you send to us (it will find a new home in the recycling bin), so don't send us any originals of anything. And do not fax us. We hate faxes.

\*But we see you scratching your head and saying, What should I send? Good question! You should send us a query letter along with the first chapter or the first twenty or so pages and a synopsis of the whole thing. Don't send us your entire manuscript. If we like what we see, we will be knocking on your door for the rest. That said, please don't contact us when your novel is half-finished. We are not interested in good starts.

\*Your query letter should tell us who you are and why you think you would be awesome at The Workhorsery. We'd also appreciate a word count for your work and whether or not it is a simultaneous submission. We don't accept multiple submissions, so one at a time please!

\*Send your files in Word or a Word-compatible format. Our computer literacy only extends so far and we don't want to have to fiddle with things, get frustrated, go out for drinks and have you wiped from our brains by vodka tonics.

\*We understand the desire for urgency and immediate gratification in this whirlwind world of ours, but we can only read so fast. We try to get back to you within a month of receiving your inquiry, but sometimes, it takes longer. Be patient. If you don't hear from us after three months, feel free to curse us out via e-mail. But never, ever phone us. We really hate talking on the phone and people who make us talk on the phone make us extremely grumpy.

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