



SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES 2022

Curious Cat Books is a small, local independent publishing house in West Yorkshire, Bradford. It will be accepting submissions between January 31st and February 28th 2022, and will consider a variety of genres and target audiences. Curious Cat Books does not require that you have an agent to submit your manuscript, but cannot accept erotica, fan fiction or academic titles at this time.

Before submitting your manuscript, please ensure you read and meet the following guidelines to avoid disappointment or delays.

You should submit the first 3 chapters of your book for consideration via e-mail only (including prologues, introductions etc.).

Please check that your document is:

- Double spaced
- Times New Roman font
- Size 12 font
- Black font
- A Microsoft Word .doc or Open Office odt. file or alternatively, a PDF.
- Marked with the author's name and contact information, the book's title, total wordcount and the genre at the top.

Please do not copy and paste your book or any portion thereof into the body of the e-mail.

If you are submitting poetry, please select 3-5 poems from the book for your initial query and send as per the above guidelines.

If you are submitting a children's picture book (less than 30 pages including images), please send the full story in plain text form as above. You will also need to send a selection of the illustrations. CCB cannot provide illustration services at this time.

Alongside your manuscript, you will also need to include a full synopsis of your story in a separate document, with a covering letter to introduce yourself and your work in another. If you already have a website and a social media presence, please include these links.

You can then send your submission to curiouscatbooks@outlook.com and use 'Submission' as the title. Rachael will be unable to discuss any submissions by phone or via her personal e-mail until the deadline has closed, so please direct any/all queries through the above CCB e-mail address first.

Curious Cat Books cannot guarantee the safe return of postal submissions, and so requests that only .doc, .odt or .pdf files be submitted via e-mail. .mobi and .epub files will be rejected and you may not receive a notification of this via e-mail. CCB can not accept any titles currently under

representation by any other publisher.

Submissions received outside the deadline cannot be considered for publishing. Rachael will confirm safe receipt of your submission, and will read and respond within 6 weeks following. If you do not hear back within this time, CCB is unable to publish your book—this does not suggest your manuscript is not of a high quality; CCB can only accept a few new authors each year. You are welcome to re-submit at a later date, or contact Rachael should you have further queries.

Curious Cat Books is not a vanity press, nor is it a traditional publishing house. It is an independent publishing company based in Bradford, West Yorkshire, founded by bestselling author E. Rachael Hardcastle to help new writers see their debut titles in print. A contribution will be required if your manuscript is accepted/you are offered a contract and a breakdown/details will be included in any paperwork you receive.

Contract offers are only valid for 30 days, after which time they will expire and you will need to re-submit at a later date.

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