

SPECIAL REPORT

Sell Your Novel Without an Agent

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All we hear nowadays is that publishers won't look at unagented material anymore; the legendary slush pile is dead. But it's not true! Even if you don't have an agent (and these days it's harder than ever to get one), if your novel is completed you can start submitting *right now*.

A number of publishers are not only willing to consider material submitted directly by authors; they're actively looking and find many or all of the books they publish in this way. Why do some publishers perpetuate the myth that a novelist must submit through an agent? Perhaps because they know that if word gets out, they'll be flooded. Perhaps that's why their submission guidelines are often so well hidden on their Web sites.

Below you'll find a list of publishers, the categories in which they're currently acquiring full-length fiction, and links to their author guidelines. Note: If you approach any of these publishers, follow their querying and submission instructions *to the letter*. Good luck!

Amira Press

http://www.amirapress.com/index.php?main_page=conditions

Especially interested in erotic romance, captive romance, interracial romance, superhot erotic romance in all genres, science fiction romance, paranormal romance fantasy romance.

Avalon Books

<http://www.avalonbooks.com/wrtgdl.html>

Romances, mysteries, Westerns.

Avon Books

<http://www.harpercollins.com/imprints/avon/SubmissionGuidelines.aspx>

Romance.

Awe-Struck Publishing

<http://www.awe-struck.net/submissions.html>

Romance (contemporary, fantasy, historical, inspirational, paranormal, Regency, science fiction, suspense); fantasy, science fiction, mainstream, teen.

Baen Books

[http://www.baen.com/FAQS.htm#Manuscript Submission Guidelines](http://www.baen.com/FAQS.htm#Manuscript%20Submission%20Guidelines)

Science fiction and fantasy.

BookStrand.com

<http://www.bookstrand.com/submissions.html>

Erotic romance, ménage and multiple partners sharing romance, mainstream romance.

Carina Press

http://carinapress.com/?page_id=2

Romance; science fiction, fantasy, futuristic; erotica; mysteries; thrillers; horror; family saga; women's fiction; choose your own adventure; previously released material.

Chronicle Books

<http://www.chroniclebooks.com/index/main,info/store,books/info,submissions.kids/ipath,37-51/>

Young adult.

Cobblestone Press

<http://www.cobblestone-press.com/submissions.htm>

Action/adventure, African-American, contemporary, fantasy, futuristic/science fiction, gay, historical, interracial/multicultural, ménage, paranormal (werewolf, vampire, ghosts, magic, etc.), romantic comedy, time travel, thriller/suspense, urban fantasy.

Crescent Moon Press

<http://www.crescentmoonpress.com/submissions.html>

Romantic science fiction, fantasy, and paranormal.

DAW Books

<http://us.penguinroup.com/static/html/daw/submissions.html>

Science fiction and fantasy.

Dorchester Publishing (Leisure, Love Spell)

<http://www.dorchesterpub.com/Dorch/SubmissionGuidlines.cfm>

Romance, horror, Westerns, thrillers.

Echelon Press

http://www.echelonpress.com/index.php?main_page=page&id=4

Ebook only: Action/adventure, crime/suspense, erotica, fantasy, magic realism/surrealism, mystery, romance, science fiction, young adult.

eXcessica Publishing

<http://excessica.com/index.php/submissions/>

Erotic fiction: BDSM, cultural, erotic horror, gay male, historical, humor, lesbian, ménage, mystery/suspense, paranormal, romance, Rubenesque, science fiction/fantasy.

Harlequin Enterprises

<http://www.eharlequin.com/articlepage.html?articleId=538&chapter=0>

Young adult, African-American (note: these are the best submission opportunities at Harlequin at the present time; however, at this link you will find information on submitting in other categories).

Loose Id (pronounced “Lucid”)

<http://www.loose-id.com/submissions.aspx>

Erotic romance.

Midnight Ink

http://www.midnightinkbooks.com/submission_guidelines.php

Mystery, suspense.

Oceanview Publishing

<http://www.oceanviewpub.com/Submissions.htm>

Mystery, thriller, suspense.

Phaze Books

<http://www.phaze.com/submissions2.html>

Erotic and heavy sensual romance in all categories.

Samhain Publishing

<http://www.samhainpublishing.com/submissions>

All genres or romance and erotica; fantasy, urban fantasy, science fiction with

strong romantic elements.

Sourcebooks

<http://www.sourcebooks.com/our-authors/authors-agents-submissions.html>

Romance, young adult.

Tom Doherty Associates (Tor/Forge)

<http://us.macmillan.com/Content.aspx?publisher=torforge&id=255> (scroll down to Submission Guidelines)

Horror, Westerns, thrillers, mysteries, science fiction, fantasy, science fiction adventure, contemporary fantasy.

Torquere Press

<http://www.torquerepress.com/submissions/index.html>

GLBTQ fiction in all genres, adult and young adult.

Treble Heart Books

<http://www.trebleheartbooks.com/> (click on “Submission Guidelines” at top of page)

Romance: contemporary, historical, paranormal, humorous, romantic suspense, mainstream, young adult; Christian: romance, romantic suspense, mystery, mainstream, historical, horror, young adult; Western: historical, contemporary; mystery/suspense, action/adventure, science fiction, fantasy, horror, cozy mystery, hardboiled mystery, suspense, futuristic.

Twilight Times Books

<http://www.twilighttimesbooks.com/subs.html>

Note: Will reopen to novel-length submissions on February 15, 2010; do not submit before this date. Will be especially interested in the following categories: fantasy, historical, literary, mystery/suspense, paranormal romance, science fiction and SF romance.

Uncial Press

<http://www.uncialpress.com/submissions.html>

Georgian, Regency, Victorian, and Western American historical romance; fantasy and paranormal stories; cozy and traditional mysteries; science fiction.

Whiskey Creek Press

<http://whiskeycreekpress.com/submissions.shtml>

All fiction genres; especially interested in all genres of romance, science fiction,

and fantasy.

The Wild Rose Press

http://thewildrosepress.com/publisher/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33

Romance.

Wings ePress, Inc.

<http://wingsepress.com/> (Click on “Submissions” at top of page)

Actively looking for: romance (romantic suspense, contemporary romance, and young adult, but publishes in all these areas: contemporary romance, historical romance, futuristic romance, fantasy romance, paranormal romance, science fiction romance, romantic suspense, mystery romance, mystery, Gothic); young adult; general fiction (mainstream, historical, adventure, suspense, espionage, thriller, light horror, science fiction, fantasy, paranormal).