

THE AUTHORS' AGENT

A Division of Chase Management Services Pty Ltd (ABN 40 065 582 416)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Adult Fiction

THE AUTHORS' AGENT accepts very few new fiction clients each year, since the publishing opportunities available for first time fiction writers are strictly limited. It is therefore important, that you contact THE AUTHORS' AGENT by email prior to lodging a submission. Provided the THE AUTHORS' AGENT agrees to consider your work, the following will be required:

- ❖ an outline which includes:
 - a brief (one page) synopsis of the plot;
 - word extent;
 - unique selling points;
 - description of the target market;
 - names of similar books and how your book would be different and better - eg if you liked reading XXXX then you'd love this;
 - brief bio of yourself, including titles of any previously published works, any successful entries in writing competitions, other writing experience, useful media contacts, etc.
- ❖ three to four sample chapters or 25 000 words (whichever is the greater).

Formatting

- ❖ Sample manuscript to be printed single-sided and double-spaced on A4 paper;
- ❖ manuscript pages must be numbered consecutively;
- ❖ special formatting or binding of submissions should be avoided;
- ❖ do not include any disks;
- ❖ do not send original manuscript, artwork, photography or other illustrative matter;
- ❖ if you wish the material returned to you, include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Note to first-time fiction writers

Finding a publisher is a lengthy process and may require several significant rewrites of your work. The agency will not submit fiction manuscripts to publishers unless the work is of the highest standard, since writers usually only have one chance to impress publishers and redrafts are unlikely to be read. THE AUTHORS' AGENT is unable to provide detailed editorial feedback on submissions. It is therefore highly recommended that you commission a manuscript appraisal before sending us your submission. There are a number of companies offering this service. The feedback you will obtain could help you improve the manuscript and enhance your chances of being accepted as a client.

- ◆ No unsolicited emailed submissions are accepted.
- ◆ All submissions should be sent by post.
- ◆ While due care will be taken of sample material, THE AUTHORS' AGENT cannot be held responsible for accidental loss and/or damage. You would therefore be well advised to retain a copy of all material submitted.
- ◆ Material returned only on receipt of a stamped self-addressed envelope.
- ◆ Evaluation of submissions could take up to three months.