



Submission Guidelines

At Beanpole we believe that a successful children's book is one that feels authentic and that makes a child or teen feel that they belong. It poses questions, opens doors, encourages discussion, causes laughter and tears, and invites sharing of emotions.

We do not publish "occasion stories" (involving Christmas, Easter, birthdays, etc.).

The main characters in our books are children. Therefore, if you wish to submit illustrations to us, we need to see how you portray children, especially children in action.

Teen Fiction:

Beanpole invites writers to submit proposals for teen novels (ages 13 and up) which possess a high degree of originality and capture strong and distinctive contemporary voices. There should be creativity in the use of language—language that is lively, dramatic and vivid. The story must involve and stimulate the reader. It is essential that it have authentic dialogue and richly visualized settings. The reader must see the real teen experience reflected through the story line. We encourage the use of appropriate and well-timed humor. Please send a synopsis, together with a sample chapter.

Middle Reader Fiction:

Beanpole seeks middle reader fiction (7 - 13) which captures the imagination of readers and readily engages their interest. The story must be memorable, well-written and notable for its originality. Humor, even if used occasionally, is an asset. The characters in the novel should come to life for the reader and the settings must be vivid and rich in detail. We look for gripping action, even though it may be delivered in a subtle form. Stories should involve the reader while simultaneously

provoking thought and reflection. Please send a synopsis, together with a sample chapter.

Beanpole does NOT accept unsolicited manuscripts. Your manuscript should be completed before sending your query to us. We are not interested in manuscripts that have been submitted simultaneously to multiple publishers.

To make sure that your manuscript is considered, please follow these instructions carefully.

By Mail:

Send a cover letter, précis, and an excerpt from your manuscript (no more than 30 pages!) along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Beanpole Books
PO Box 242
Midway, Florida 32343

By Email:

Send a cover letter, précis, and an excerpt from your manuscript to:
EditorialDirector@Beanpolebooks.com

The cover letter should very briefly describe your book, including the title and word count. It should also include a brief biographical sketch of the author. If your author name is a pseudonym, please state this information up front! If you have published books under any name, please give us that information as well.

Make sure you include your address, phone numbers where you can be reached, and your email address. The précis should include an outline of the plot (please keep this to one or two pages) and a bit of information about the main characters. If we are interested in reading the manuscript, we will contact you. Please understand that we receive many queries each day, and it is not unusual for 45 days or so to pass before we contact you.

If we ask to see your manuscript, please send it typed (double-spaced) with one-inch margins. Make it as clean (no typos, pages in correct order, etc.) as you can to the best of your ability. We prefer that you bind the manuscript in some way so that pages are not easily lost or misplaced. Your manuscript must be available by email or on disk if we need it. (Microsoft Word preferred.)

Thank you for your interest in Beanpole Books.

Jessica Casavant, Publisher