

Author Submission Guidelines for Hybrid Publishing Contract

Thank you for considering Alden Publishing for your manuscript. To ensure a smooth and efficient process, please review the following guidelines before submitting your manuscript:

Please note that we are unable to accept children's illustrated / picture books submissions at this time.

1. Genre and Format:

- We accept manuscripts across all genres, including fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, and poetry.
- Manuscripts should be submitted in standard manuscript format, double-spaced, with 12-point font and one-inch margins.

2. Submission Process:

- Please submit your manuscript as a PDF or Word document via email to kirsty@thebookdragon.co.uk.
- In the subject line of your email, please include "Unsolicited Manuscript Submission: [Title of your Manuscript]."
- In the body of the email, provide a brief cover letter introducing yourself, a summary of your manuscript, and any relevant writing experience you may have.

3. Manuscript Requirements:

- Manuscripts should be complete and well-edited to the best of your ability.
- The preferred word count for fiction and non-fiction manuscripts is between 50,000 and 100,000 words. However, we are open to considering manuscripts outside this range if the story warrants it.
- Poetry submissions should include a collection of at least 40 poems.

4. Rights and Copyright:

- By submitting your manuscript to Alden Publishing, you confirm that you are the sole owner of the work and hold the copyright.
- If your manuscript has been previously published, please provide details of previous publication(s) in your cover letter.

5. Response Time:

- We make every effort to read and review all submissions we receive.
- Due to the volume of manuscripts we receive, it may take longer than anticipated to provide feedback on your submission.
- We strive to review all submissions within 8-12 weeks, but depending on the volume, it is possible that we may exceed the predicted timescales for feedback.
- We will notify you via email regarding the status of your submission. Please refrain from inquiring about the status of your submission during the review period.

6. Hybrid Publishing Contract:

- If your manuscript is selected for publication, we will offer you a hybrid publishing contract. This contract allows you to maintain creative control over your work while benefiting from our professional publishing services.