

Submissions

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Dear Author/Artist,

Adams Literary is exclusively dedicated to representing the finest children's book authors and artists. While we have an established client list, we do seek new talent—and we accept submissions from both published and aspiring authors and artists. Please carefully review our guidelines before submitting.

What We Look For

We know that you are just as passionate about children's books as we are. Our clients' work spans every age and every genre—from picture books to middle-grade and young adult fiction, from historical novels and fantasy to books that tackle important contemporary issues.

While we give every submission careful consideration, we look for unforgettable, life-changing books: literary stories, high-concept speculative fiction, unique fantasy adventure, humor, and character-driven picture books. We gravitate toward the timeless, not the trendy. We don't typically handle textbooks, novelty, craft, how-to or coloring books—and **we don't handle any adult works**.

Submission Process

We take submissions only through the online form on the SUBMIT page of our website. (We recycle any unsolicited submissions we receive by post.) On the form, **attach your complete manuscript as a DOC or PDF file; for artists in particular, include your web site or attach a PDF of your illustrations** so we may view your art samples. We cannot accept any files over 10MB in size.

If you have a problem with our online form, please submit to submissions@adamsliterary.com with the same details as requested in the online form. Rest assured, if you receive an automated response, we have received your submission; please do not follow up or respond to the message.

Response Time

We've done our best to streamline our submission process—and we strive to review them quickly. We deeply regret that we can no longer respond to everyone personally; please understand that **we receive over 6,000 submissions each year**. Once we've reviewed your work, if we are interested in discussing possible representation, we will contact you by email or phone—typically within 6 weeks.

If, within that time, you receive an offer of representation or publication, we kindly ask that you follow-up through the online form (referencing your original submission) to update us on the status.

Defying the Odds

As a boutique agency, we are by nature highly selective. Out of the 6,000+ submissions we receive each year, we extend offers of representation to only a handful of new clients. Thinking we can sell a project just isn't our main criteria—completely believing in the story, the author and/or artist, and falling in love with a project is. We know how hard you work on your craft—and we do, too. For those willing to brave the odds—and defy them—you'll find no more dedicated and passionate advocate than us. Because you deserve no less.