

Picture Book Submissions

Starfish Bay Children's Books is an imprint of Starfish Bay Publishing Pty Ltd, which is an independent publishing house located in Adelaide, Australia. Please ensure you have read these guidelines prior to emailing your submission. We are unable to individually answer queries about submissions.

What We Are Looking For

We predominantly publish picture books for young children and will consider submissions from anyone, provided submissions are suitable for our target audience.

Writers:

We place an emphasis on discovering new talent and supporting unpublished authors, and we are open to offering publishing opportunities to emerging children's book writers. We are also happy to help established authors publish further works.

Illustrators:

We like to work with a wide range of illustrators, so illustrators are encouraged to send us sample illustrations through email. We are also interested in encouraging illustrators to write their own picture book stories for submission.

Initial Assessment

For the initial assessment, we will need the following information to be attached to your email:

- A one-sentence summary of the book.
- A synopsis of no more than 300 words.
- For picture book submissions, please include the full manuscript.
- We prefer submissions to not include artwork (except in the case of author-illustrators).

Please also be sure to include the following information:

- Title of your manuscript.
- Age level of readers.
- Any pertinent biographical information, such as former publications or any special knowledge or experience that is relevant to the book.

Submission Policy

Presently, we accept email submissions only. We will not accept any hard copy submissions and will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage of your work. Starfish Bay Children's Books accepts submissions to the email address submissions@starfishbaypublishing.com.au. An acknowledgment is automatically sent after submissions. Editors will then assess the suitability of your work, a process that may take up to three months. We will be in touch within three months if your submission has been successful. Unfortunately, there will be no correspondence from us or feedback on unsuccessful submissions.