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The Nitch Witch's Guide to Food & Cookery Book Publishers

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# Guide to Food & Cookery Book Publishers

- ✓ Up-to-date information on US publishers specializing in Diet, Cookbooks, Food & Wine
- New information on query and manuscript acceptance, submissions guidelines
- Representative titles listed so that you can match what you're writing with what they're selling

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"Nothing would be more tiresome than eating and drinking if God had not made them a pleasure as well as a necessity."

—Voltaire



"You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it however."

—Richard Bach



"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers.

The original meal has never been found."

—Calvin Trillin



"Food is so primal, so essential a part of our lives, often the mere sharing of recipes with strangers turns them into good friends."

—Jasmine Heiler



"Whether or not you write well, write bravely."

—Bill Stout

#### Introduction

This guide is a compilation of the food and cook book publishers in the US. The companies are listed alphabetically, by name.

#### Using the Guide

The intent of this guide is to provide you—the prospective employee, author, or freelancer—advance intelligence about your market. Use this guide to target your skills and interests to a publisher's scope and needs.

There are 100+ publishers listed in this guide. Most of them purchase manuscripts and hire on a regular basis—particular skill sets for their particular needs.

Use this guide to research the publishers. With an Internet connection and web link information, you can connect to the company's web site with ease. The publishers' sites provide more in-depth profiles of the companies, as well as information such as: job opportunities, writer's guidelines, current publishing lists, and additional contact and business information.

#### **Manuscript Submissions**

When approaching a publisher to sell a manuscript, do your homework and be respectful of their processes.

- Become familiar with the types of books in which the publisher specializes. Web sites provide an abundance of information.
- Read and follow their submission guidelines. If guidelines are not published on the
  website, it's acceptable to call and ask how they may be obtained. Since very few
  publishers accept electronic queries or submissions, assume that is not the best way
  of contacting them unless otherwise indicated.
- Prepare your manuscript as instructed and make sure it's your best effort.
- Include a short cover letter briefly outlining the concept of your book, the age range
  of the audience, and a synopsis of your writing/publishing credentials, if applicable.
- As a courtesy, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) in the package for the editor's response.
- ALWAYS visit the publisher's web site before you query or submit for any updates to their needs or policies.

#### Corrections/Updates

As diligent as we might be, businesses change—companies merge, people move jobs, and publishing priorities change. If you find any information that is out-of-date or publishers that you think should be added or removed from the guide, please drop us an email at <a href="mailto:iwriteinc@aol.com">iwriteinc@aol.com</a> to let us know. We appreciate your assistance.

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