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"What is The Subconscious to every other man, in its creative aspect becomes, for writers, The Muse."
—Ray Bradbury



"The good writer seems to be writing about himself, but has his eye always on that thread of the Universe which runs through himself and all things."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep."
—Scott Adams



"The reason 99% of all stories written are not bought by editors is very simple. Editors never buy manuscripts that are left on the closet shelf at home."
—John W. Campbell



"Whether or not you write well, write bravely."
—Bill Stout

Introduction

This guide is a compilation of the G/L/B book publishers in the US. The companies are listed alphabetically, by name.

Note: You may notice some irregularity in the alphabetization of the publishers' names, especially those imprints named after people. Some are alphabetized by first name, some last name. We are honoring the publishers' preferences and including them in our listing as they would, e.g., Wendy Lamb Books can be found under "L," William Morrow under "W."

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 iwriteinc@aol.com to let us know. We appreciate your assistance.

Good luck in your publishing quests!

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What They Publish

Publishes urban literary fiction and political nonfiction by authors who are either ignored by the mainstream, or who have no interest in working within the ever-consolidating ranks of the major corporate publishers.

Representative Titles/Projects

- *Alice Fantastic*
- *A Simple Distance*
- *With or Without You*

Who They Hire

Authors/Writers:

Pays royalties/advances. Buys all rights.

Editors, proofreaders, illustrators, designers:

Rates vary. Send cover letter with current résumé.

How to Get Connected

Not accepting new submissions at this time. Check website periodically for change in policy.

Alpha World Press

530 Oaklawn Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54304
<http://www.alphaworldpress.com>

What They Publish

Publishes books of all genres by, for and about lesbians in all walks of life.

Currently accepting submissions of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry.

Representative Titles/Projects

- *The Trouble with Emily Dickenson*
- *Worth Dying For*
- *Made for You*

Who They Hire

Authors/Writers:

Pays royalties/advances. Buys all rights.

Editors, proofreaders, illustrators, designers:

Rates vary. Send cover letter with current résumé.

How to Get Connected

Accepts unsolicited/unagented manuscripts.

Submission Guidelines: Include a one-page query letter describing your work. Include a short bio and information about the potential audience. Submit to: Editors or via email to [office\(at\)alphaworldpress.com](mailto:office(at)alphaworldpress.com).

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