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Submissions Guide

Biblioasis publishes twenty to thirty works of literary fiction, including short fiction collections; nonfiction; translation; and poetry per year. We receive hundreds of submissions each year and selection is highly competitive. Very few unsolicited manuscripts are accepted for publication.

There are no firm rules regarding styles and genres that interest us. That said, **we rarely consider fantasy, sci-fi, self-help, YA, cookbooks, picture books, or children's books.** We are looking for works of exceptional literary and cultural merit across the board. From established writers, we seek work that can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with books by Clark Blaise, Graeme Macrae Burnet, Lucy Ellmann, Stephen Marche, Kathy Page, Eric Ormsby, or Rinaldo Walcott. From emerging writers, we look for potential within both the work and the author: we're proud to have published debuts by Kathleen Winter, Alexander MacLeod, Luke Hathaway, Kevin Lambert, Alice Petersen, and more.

If you would like to submit your manuscript to us, we ask that you take time to familiarize yourself with the books on our list. It makes a significant difference to know that a prospective author understands and believes in what we do. If you feel strongly that Biblioasis is the right press for you, please follow the steps outlined below.

Please note:

- **We are currently closed to poetry submissions.** We anticipate reopening for poetry collections in spring 2024: check back here, or keep an eye on our social media, for updates.
- We do not accept previously published (including self-published) works.
- While the majority of our authors and translators are Canadian, we do selectively consider international submissions.
- Given our present publishing commitments, it is unlikely that new unsolicited works of fiction or poetry will see publication within two years.

Submission guidelines:

1. **Electronic submissions only.** To submit electronically, please email your manuscript as an attachment to **submissions@biblioasis.com**. PDF, .doc, .docx, and .rtf files are accepted. Manuscripts should be double-spaced and in a standard 12-point serif font. We will send confirmation that your submission has been received. **Please send your manuscript only once**: revised and updated versions will not be read, so make sure you're happy with your text before sending.
2. **In your cover letter**, tell us why you think your book is a good fit for our list and outline your previous publications and relevant experience. Include the cover letter in the body of your email or as a separate attachment.

3. **Simultaneous submissions are fine!** Please let us know in your cover letter if the manuscript is under consideration elsewhere. If it is accepted by another publisher, kindly reply to your submission email to let us know your good news so that we can withdraw the manuscript from our consideration.
4. **Please be patient.** We will try to respond promptly, but have a very small staff and receive hundreds of submissions each year, so it may take up to twelve months for your manuscript to be considered. **Please do not call or email to check on the status of your submission**: we will respond as quickly as possible.