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Submissions Guide

UPDATE: As of September 2025, Biblioasis will only be accepting submissions through Duosuma. Unsolicited manuscripts sent directly to our submissions@biblioasis.com email address will be deleted unread. Manuscripts that were sent in prior to our update will still be responded to via email, but all future submissions should be made through Duosuma. Please visit our submission portal linked below to view our full guidelines and send us your work through the Fiction, Nonfiction, or Poetry calls.

[Submit through Duosuma.](#)

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, Kev 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 send us your work.

Please note:

- **We are currently closed to poetry submissions:** check back here, or keep an eye on our social media or Duosuma page, for updates.
- We do not accept previously published (including self-published) works.
- Manuscripts must be entirely human-created. We do not accept work that was written, developed, or assisted in any capacity by artificial intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT.
- 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 send your manuscript with your cover letter as the first page in a single document through the appropriate portal via our [Duosuma page](#). PDF, .doc, .docx, and .rtf files are accepted. Your manuscript may only be submitted once, 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 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.