



CHRONICLE BOOKS

**Please note that our submission guidelines have changed effective May 2019.**

### **Children's Submissions**

Chronicle Books publishes an eclectic mixture of traditional and innovative children's books. We are looking for projects that have a unique bent—be it in subject matter, writing style, or illustrative technique—and that will lend our list a distinctive flair. We are interested in fiction and nonfiction books for children of all ages, as well as board books, decks, activity kits, and other unusual or novelty formats.

### **General Guidelines**

- Chronicle Books will only accept children's book submissions on paper. No compact discs, flashdrives, CDs, etc, will be reviewed. Email submissions will not be reviewed unless there are extenuating circumstances that prevent you from mailing a hard copy of your submission.
- No materials submitted will be returned. Since we aren't able to return any submissions, please do not send original art or anything you don't want to part with. Anything from photocopies to tear sheets will do.
- If we are interested in your submission, you can expect to hear from us within six months after we receive your submission. Chronicle Books will not respond to an unsolicited submission unless interested in publishing it.
- If your proposal is a simultaneous submission, please indicate this in your cover letter.

### **What to Include in Your Proposal**

- Books for younger children may be submitted in their entirety without querying first. Projects for older children—such as chapter books or YA novels—should be submitted by query letter, synopsis, and three (3) sample chapters.
- If you have multiple project proposals, please note that we will not accept more than three (3) submissions by the same author and/or illustrator during the same 6-month period. If you are submitting more than one at the same time, please include all of them in the same package.
- For manuscripts that are part of a series, please submit the first installment only. Information about the rest of the series may be included in the cover letter.
- If you would like confirmation that your submission was received, please include a self-addressed stamped *postcard*. Self-addressed, stamped *envelopes* will not be returned.

### **Where to Send Your Proposal**

Chronicle Books, Children's  
680 Second Street  
San Francisco, California 94107

We receive more than 1,000 children's book submissions every month. For this reason, we are not able to track receipt of or answer queries about individual submissions.

PLEASE NOTE: These guidelines are for informational purposes only and do not constitute a solicitation of any manuscript, artwork, transparencies, or other material. Submission of any materials shall be done at the author /illustrator's own risk of loss or damage.