

Getting Published

Getting your work published is probably the biggest challenge facing a beginner writer. Here are some suggestions for making the process more straightforward, and ultimately we hope, more rewarding.

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Publishers

The first thing to remember is that there are only a publishers in Ireland and lots of writers trying to get published. A journal might, for example, only publish 2 or 3 per cent of material received. A book publisher might produce less. Don't let the odds put you off. If your work is good enough you have a shot at getting published. Make your writing so good that the publisher can't turn it down.

You might, however, help yourself by coming to the attention of publishers or agents in advance of sending them a manuscript - winning a competition helps, but the most tried and trusted is to build up a track record of publication in poetry magazines or journals. The magazines and journals that are the hardest to get into are generally the ones with the highest standards and thus the ones with the most impact.

How to make a submission to a publisher or journal

The following is a list of guidelines for submitting original writing for publication:

1. Find out what kind of kind or genre of book each publisher produces, e.g. fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, sci-fi, historical fiction, short stories. Get a copy of the magazine or book produced by that publisher and read it. It is much easier to put together a submission when you have some idea of the editor's taste, what the general standard of material published is like etc.
2. Read the submission guidelines for each publisher carefully. For example, some publishers will only want to see the first three chapters (but they will want you to have finished the book at the time of sending those chapters), or six poems, or a few stories.
3. Most publishers will have specific requirements regarding typeface size, layout, etc. In general, editors prefer not to receive fancy typefaces, handwritten work or work with illustrations.
4. Send copies of your work, not the originals, and always keep copies of whatever you send.
5. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope or an International Reply Coupon for a response. Most magazines and journals cannot afford to return manuscripts, which don't have an SAE/IRC.
6. Give the editor time to reply. As previously mentioned, editors receive a lot of material: you can reasonably expect to hear in 6 months at the latest.

7. With established magazines it is usual to receive a copy of the magazine in which your work appears (you should not normally have to pay for this). Some magazines also offer payment for material, but the sums are usually small. It is not standard practice to pay to have your work published.

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List of Publishers & Journals in Ireland

A&A Farmar

Beech House, 78 Ranelagh Village, D6

email: afarmar@iol.ie

website: www.aafarmar.ie

An Gúm

Foras na Gaeilge, 7 Merrion Square, D2

phone: 1850 325 325

email: eolas@forasnagaeilge.ie

website: www.forasnagaeilge.ie

Appletree Press Ltd

The Old Potato Station, 14 Howard Street South, Belfast BT7 1AP

phone: 44 (0) 28 90 243074

email: reception@appletree.ie

website: www.appletree.ie

Arlen House

PO Box 222, Galway

email: arlenhouse@ireland.com

Ballylough Books

Chestnut Lodge, Callaghane, Co Waterford,

website: ardkeen.ie/ballyloughbooks/index.html

Blackhall Publishing

Lonsdale House, Avoca Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin

email: info@blackhallpublishing.com

website: www.blackhallpublishing.com

Blackstaff Press

4c Heron Wharf, Sydenham Business Park, Belfast BT3 9LE

website: www.blackstaffpress.com

Brandon Books

Cooleen, Dingle, Co Kerry

phone: (353) 06651463

website: www.brandonbooks.com

Carysfort Press Ltd

58 Woodfield, Scholarstown Road, Rathfarnham, D16

email: info@carysfortpress.com

website: www.carysfortpress.com

Celtic Publications

16 Grove Lawn, Malahide, Co Dublin

email: info@celticpublications.com

website: www.celticpublications.com

Childnames.net

27 Villarea Park, Glenageary, Co Dublin

website: www.childnames.net

Cló-Iar-Chonnachta

Cló Iar-Chonnachta, Inverin, Connemara, Co. Galway

email: cic@iol.ie

website: www.cic.ie

Cois Life Teoranta

62 Páirc na Rós, Ascaill na Cille, Dún Laoghaire, Co Bhaile Átha Cliath

email: eolas@coislife.ie

website: coislife.ie

The Columba Press

The Columba Bookservice, 55A Spruce Avenue, Stillorgan Industrial Park, Blackrock, Co Dublin

email: info@columba.ie

website: www.columba.ie

Cork University Press/Attic Press

Youngline Industrial Estate, Pouladuff Road, Togher, Cork

website: www.corkuniversitypress.com

Currach Press

55A Spruce Avenue, Stillorgan Industrial Park, Blackrock, Co Dublin

email: info@currach.ie

website: www.currach.ie

De Búrca

"Cloonagashel", 27 Priory Drive, Blackrock, Co Dublin

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website: www.deburcararebooks.com

Dedalus Press

13 Moyclare Road, Baldoyle, D13

email: info@dedaluspress.com

website: www.dedaluspress.com

Doghouse Books

PO Box 312, Tralee GPO, Co Kerry, Ireland

email: info@doghousebooks.ie

website: www.doghousebooks.ie

Dominican Publications

42 Parnell Square, D1

website: www.dominicanpublications.com

Drumlin Publications

Nure, Manorhamilton, Co Leitrim

email: drumlinp@gmail.com

website: www.drumlinpublications.com

The Educational Company of Ireland

Ballymount Road, Walkinstown, D12

email: info@edco.ie

website: www.edco.ie

Flyleaf Press

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email: books@flyleaf.ie

website: www.flyleaf.ie

Four Courts Press

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email: info@fourcourtspress.ie
website: www.fourcourtspress.ie

Gallery Press

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co Meath
email: gallery@indigo.ie
website: www.gallerypress.ie

Gill and Macmillan

Hume Avenue, Park West, Dublin 12
website: www.gillmacmillan.ie/

Gorse

email: info@gorse.ie
website: www.gorse.ie

Guildhall Press

Unit 15, Rath Mor Business Park, Bligh's Lane, Creggan, Derry BT48 0LZ
email: info@ghpress.com
website: www.ghpress.com

Lagan Press

Unit 45, Westlink Enterprise Centre, 30 - 50 Distillery St, Belfast, BT12 5BJ
email: lagan-press@e-books.org.uk
website: www.lagan-press.org.uk

Lapwing Publications

1 Ballysillan Drive, Belfast BT14, Northern Ireland
email: lapwing.poetry@ntlworld.com
website: www.freewebs.com/lapwingpoetry

Liberties Press

140 Terenure Road North, Terenure, D6
email: info@libertiespress.com
website: www.libertiespress.com

The Lilliput Press

62-63 Sitric Road, Arbour Hill, D7
website: www.lilliputpress.ie

New Island

2 Brookside, Dundrum Road, D14
phone: / 2983411

email: thomas.cooney@newisland.com

website: www.newisland.ie

O'Brien Press

12 Terenure Road East, Rathgar, D6, Ireland

website: www.obrien.ie

Penguin Ireland

25 St. Stephen's Green, D2

email info@penguin.ie

website: www.penguin.ie

The Penny Dreadful

email: the.p.dreadful@gmail.com

website: www.thepennydreadful.org

Poolbeg

123 Grange Hill, Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Baldoyle, D13

email: info@poolbeg.com

website: www.poolbeg.com

Salmon Poetry

Cliffs of Moher, Liscannor, Co Clare

email: info@salmonpoetry.com

website: www.salmonpoetry.com

Seven Towers

4 St. Muras Terrace, Strangford Road, East Wall, D3

website: www.seventowers.ie

Shamrock Haiku Journal

website: www.shamrockhaiku.hostei.com

Smithereens Press

email: smithereens.press@gmail.com

website: www.smithereenspress.com

The Stinging Fly

PO Box 6016, D1

email: stingingfly@gmail.com

website: www.stingingfly.org

Summer Palace Press

Cladnageeragh, Kilbeg, Killcar, Co Donegal

email: cladnageeragh@eircom.net

Tramp Press

email: info@tramppress.com

website: www.tramppress.com

The Yellow Nib

The Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry, School of English, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, BT7 1NN

email: yellownib@gmail.com

website: theyellownib.blogspot.ie

Yes! Publications

10-12 Bishop Street; Derry / Londonderry BT48 6PW

email: yes@yespublications.org

website: <http://yespublications.org>

Wild Honey Press

16a Ballyman Road, Bray Co Wicklow

email: poetry@wildhoneypress.com

website: www.wildhoneypress.com

Wordsonthestreet

Six San Antonio Park, Salthill, Galway

email: publisher@wordsonthestreet.com

website: www.wordsonthestreet.com/

SELF-PUBLISHING

Original Writing

Spade Enterprise Centre, North King Street, D7

email: info@originalwriting.ie

website: www.originalwriting.ie

Choice Publishing

Barlow House, Narrow West Street, Drogheda, Co Louth

email: info@choicepublishing.ie

website: www.choicepublishing.ie

ISBNs

For information about ISBNs, visit [here](#)
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JOURNALS

Poetry Ireland Review

Poetry Ireland, 32 Kildare Street, D2
Editor: John F Deane
email: publications@poetryireland.ie [No submissions by e-mail]
website: www.poetryireland.ie

Cork Literary Review

c/o Bradshaw Books, Civic Trust House, Pope's Quay, Cork
email: admin@cwpc.ie

Crannóg Magazine

Galway Language Centre, Bridge Mills, Galway
email: editor@crannogmagazine.com
website: www.crannogmagazine.com

Cyphers

3 Selskar Terrace, Ranelagh, D6
Editors: Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, Macdara Woods, Pearse Hutchinson, Leland Bardwell
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The Dublin Review of Books (DRB)

email: info@drb.ie
website: www.drb.ie

Irish Pages

129 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 1SH
Editor: Chris Agee
email: editor@irishpages.org
website: www.irishpages.org

The Moth

31 Church Street, Cavan, Co. Cavan, Ireland.
Editor: Rebecca O'Connor and Will Goven
email: enquiries@themothmagazine.com
website: www.themothmagazine.com

The Stinging Fly

P.O. Box 6016, D8

Editor: Declan Meade

email: stingingfly@hotmail.com

website: www.stingingfly.org

Sharp Review

Writers Society, Societies Office, National University of Ireland, Galway

Editor: Liam Duffy

email: writers@socs.nuigalway.ie

website: www.socs.nuigalway.ie

West 47

Galway Arts Centre, 47 Dominick Street, Galway

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website: www.galwayartscentre.ie

LITERARY AGENTS

Marianne Gunn O'Connor

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The Lisa Richards Agency

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Causeway Literary Agency

24 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh EH7 4JP

PO Box 833, Maynooth, Co Kildare

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The Feldstein Agency

Contact Paul Feldstein, 54 Abbey Street, Bangor BT20 4JB, Northern Ireland

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website: www.thefeldsteinagency.co.uk

OTHER PUBLISHING RESOURCES

The Portable Creative Writing Workshop

by Pat Boran, [Salmon Publishing](#)

Writers and Artists Yearbook

[A & C Black](#), London

Writing Poems

by Peter Sansom, [Bloodaxe Books](#)

Getting Into Poetry

by Paul Hyland, [Bloodaxe Books](#)

Poet's Market

(mostly U.S. publications) [Writer's Digest Books](#)

The Making of a Poem

by Mark Strand and Eavan Boland, [Norton Books USA](#)