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**CHILDREN’S LITERATURE PROPOSAL FORM**

We would be delighted to consider your new book idea. The information on this form will help us assess quickly whether your proposal fits our list. All proposals will be peer reviewed anonymously and comments will be passed back to aid you with your ideas at this stage. If feedback is positive, we will then present your book idea to our internal Publishing Meeting for approval. Our proposal for the Publishing Meeting will be largely based on what you supply here, so please do be as explanatory and detailed as you can at this stage. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

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**Key features:** If you had to give three key benefits your book offers its readers, what would they be?

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**THE MARKET**

Who is the intended core readership for your work? Is there a secondary market in addition to this?

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Describe the market need for your book (why would people want or need to buy it)?

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Genre (children’s literature etc.)

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List at least three competing titles currently on the market, giving details of publisher, price and date of publication. These might not be direct competitors, but simply what your primary readership is buying at the moment.

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Please provide a Table of Contents and give a brief description as to what will be covered in each section – if applicable.

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Please provide the intended word count. Click or tap here to enter text.

Do you plan to include any illustrative material? If yes, please state the rough number and the copyright holders as necessary (unless stated otherwise, most children’s books are published in colour):

* B & W photos Click or tap here to enter text.
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Do you plan to include any rich media (audio or video) to accompany the book? If yes please give an indication of what the material would contain, where it would be sourced from and who would supply it.

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**Note:** *we will not include materials for inclusion in a book for which digital permission cannot be sought as we need to be able to sell your work in every channel, print and digital.*

Do you have any strong thoughts on page layout or cover design at this stage – e.g. original cover art to be use for the design of your book cover?

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**Endorsements:** Do you have suggestions for a person to write a Foreword or to endorse the publication?

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**MANUSCRIPT DELIVERY**

When, realistically, would you be able to deliver a final and complete manuscript to us (including all the necessary artwork and permissions material, cleared and in place)? A note of caution: advertised publication dates are based on author delivery dates. If a publication date is missed there are strong consequences so please give careful consideration to your proposed manuscript delivery date and build in time for clearing permissions and obtaining artwork (if necessary).

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**YOUR QUALIFICATIONS TO WRITE THE BOOK**

Briefly describe your background and what makes you qualified to write this book.

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Please supply a short biography that you would expect to appear on the back-cover blurb and on Amazon. Keep it under 200 words.

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Have you written for publication before? If so, please give details.

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Where would you expect to hear about such a book e.g. magazines, online journals or conferences where you expect to see the book reviewed, mentioned, advertised or displayed?

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*Many thanks for submitting your thoughts and ideas to us. We look forward to reviewing your proposal.*