

# Ravenous Romance Submission Guidelines

We are currently looking for storytellers to write erotic romance. Every book must be a compelling romance, with a great love story and passionate, explicit sex. While our stories do not have to end happily-ever-after, we want the fantasy of "happy-for-now" in every ending.

All our stories must have a beginning, middle and end and characters with whom our readers can identify. We're looking for great storytelling, with interesting plots and carefully-crafted writing. We encourage all of our prospective authors to re-read Strunk & White's *The Elements of Style* and apply its teachings to their manuscripts.

Sex scenes are important, but they should be used to move the plot forward and to develop the characters as integral parts of the story. The book should stand alone as a great story without the sex scenes, but the sex scenes should serve to make the story better and the characters more interesting.

We prefer to promote safe sex, unless it conflicts with a fantasy element in the story (e.g. time period or characters that make condoms irrelevant, like the Middle Ages and werewolves, respectively) or the author has other good reasons to leave condoms out (e.g. it's in keeping with the characters' other behavior).

Our novels run approximately 50,000-60,000 words, no exceptions.

Our short stories run between 1,500 and 5,000 words.

Please read our guidelines below before submitting a query, proposal, or short story.

Submissions should be emailed to [submissions@ravenousromance.com](mailto:submissions@ravenousromance.com).

## Submission Guidelines

Email queries and submissions should be one page. Each should include the author's name, mailing address, phone number and email address, as well as a brief description of the work, followed by the author's estimation of where the work fits into our publishing program. The author should also include a brief summation of his or her writing credentials, if applicable.

Please submit one query for each piece of work you wish us to review.

## SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

### Modern Love™

This is our contemporary romance category, where our heroine faces the romantic zeitgeist and finds the man of her dreams in the most unlikely places.

## **Fantastica™**

In this category, we are looking for stories about every kind of supernatural being and the women/men who love them.

## **Red Carpet Romance™**

Books set in the glamorous red-carpet worlds of Hollywood, Broadway, and rock 'n roll venues all over the world. These characters live the high life with fame, luxury and fortune.

## **Breathless™**

In our romantic suspense category, our heroines find themselves solving crimes, pursued by their passions and fears.

## **Forever Again™**

These heroines have made a misstep or two in love and life, but they're ready to show the world that they've learned from these mistakes and are ready to realize more love and passion than they ever thought possible..

## **The Lust Chronicles™**

First- person memoir of real-life love and sex.

## **Wicked Pleasures™**

These stories are an uninhibited exploration of the sexual boundaries people can explore together.

## **Once Upon a Time™**

These erotic historical romances may be set anywhere from the Civil War to the Summer of Love or Victorian England. We also publish erotic retellings of classic fairy tales in this category.

## **Real Man Romance™**

A category where our readers can get swept off their feet by everyday heroes - cops, fireman, lumberjacks, and other strong, manly men.

## **Panamour™**

Our male/male, female/female and bisexual category.

## **Lovestrology™**

Our characters find love in the New Age, with tools like astrology, tarot, I Ching, feng shui, and magick.

## **Green Love™**

In this category, the heroine is always concerned with the health of the planet. She is looking for love and saving the environment while she's doing it.

### **We are NOT Looking For:**

Old-fashioned non-sexual romance.

Although we publish short stories, we do not publish poetry or novellas.

We are not interested in seeing fiction in any other genre.

### **We Do NOT Publish:**

Anything with pedophilia, which involves sexual situations between adults and children. We are not interested in "barely legal" situations either.

Anything with necrophilia, which is sex with a truly dead body. If your vampires and zombies are having sex (with the living or each other), it better be lively.

Anything with bestiality, which is sex with animals. Sentient beings, including shapeshifters, centaurs, and the like must be adequately anthropomorphized.

We are feminists, and are really not interested in reading about rape or incest. This might be necessary as part of a sexual memoir, but its place in a story should never be to arouse.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

We are trying to anticipate your needs, so if you have questions please email us.

### **How quickly will I hear from you after I've sent in my one-page query?**

We will respond to one-page query letters within 2 weeks.

### **And if you ask to see my novel or memoir?**

If you send us a 200 page manuscript, we will respond within 6 weeks.

### **And if you asked to see a short story?**

We will respond within 4 weeks.

**If you buy something from me, will I get a contract?**

Yes, we will send you a contract within one week of acceptance.

**What rights will you buy?**

World rights in all formats. We will work to sell your subsidiary rights to a traditional print publisher on your behalf, as well as in translation throughout the world. We will pay you a percentage of any subsidiary rights sale.

**How soon after my work is accepted will it be published?**

Under normal circumstances, within 3 to 6 months after acceptance.

**Will you publish a print edition of my book?**

No. If your book stands out, we will place it with a traditional print publisher. They are better able to distribute and market your book in printed form.

**How often will I get royalty payments?**

You'll get your first royalty check at the end of the calendar quarter after publication, and quarterly after that.

**I have a friend who's an artist. Can he do my cover?**

No, we have a very special look and we want our books to be recognizable to our readers. Our art department has years of experience in this field and knows how to create a cover image that will make readers want to buy your book.