

Writing for Tamarind

Please read these submission guidelines below before submitting your work.

FICTION FOR PRE-TEEN AND TEEN READERS

We are looking to develop a fiction list for pre-teen and teenage readers and welcome submissions of new, unpublished work.

Tamarind books feature black, Asian and mixed heritage characters as the main protagonists. We are looking for stories that are largely based around the interests or pastimes with which all children are familiar. We'd especially like to see manuscripts that incorporate adventures involving fantasy, mystery or sci-fi. The text should be divided into short chapters, each of which could possibly end with a cliff-hanger. If writing for younger readers please ensure all content is suitable for your intended reading audience.

Format

Extent: 60-200 pages

Number of words: 5,000-60,000

Text: Organised into chapters of approximately equal length

Possible themes, although this list is not exhaustive

Music

Friendship

Sport

Computers/gaming

Dance

Setting

Urban/suburban

Familiar

Realistic and/or fantastical elements

Fiction manuscript submission

When submitting please send the first three chapters and a synopsis. **DO NOT SEND THE WHOLE MANUSCRIPT** when first submitting as it will not be read. The synopsis should outline the entire story – including the ending.

Your brief covering letter should indicate the intended age range and full word count. Please outline any relevant previous writing experience/published work.

If submitting by email, please ensure your manuscript is saved as a Word document. If submitting by post please ensure the manuscript is double line spaced and on A4 paper.

PICTURE BOOKS

When submitting picture books please send the entire story and a brief covering letter outlining any relevant writing experience or previously published stories. Please send text only, double spaced on A4 paper. Do not send suggested illustrations.

Please note: Tamarind does not publish novels or picture books of an anthropomorphic nature. If your manuscript features animal or inanimate

protagonists we suggest you submit this elsewhere. Tamarind will not consider work of this kind.

Typical response time

Please allow up to 3 months for a response although we will endeavour to get back to you more quickly. Do not bombard us with emails or phone calls asking about the status of your manuscript. We receive a large number of submissions each week, but do not have enough time to read everything as soon as we receive it. Be patient. We do read every submission and will respond to you in due course.

Send in by post to:

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