

## Compulsory Guidelines

- Maximum word count – 650 words.
  - Manuscripts must be submitted either as a PDF or in a Word/Rich Text document. We will not read submissions that are on an external links/websites or on a dropbox.
  - Double line spacing, typed in a legible font, text running from one page to another (i.e. not one sentence/stanza per page). **WRITING EVERYTHING IN CAPS IS NOT FRIENDLY!**
  - We accept stories written in rhyme or prose, but not poetry.
  - File size no bigger than 5mb.
  - Please refrain from including illustrations with your manuscript unless you are an author/illustrator. If this is the case, then please let us know whether you are happy for only the text to be used.
  - In the subject heading of your email please include your name and the title of the text.
- N.b.** Hurrah! We do accept unsolicited manuscripts.

## Preferred Guidelines:

- If submitting multiple submissions please put in the same email.
  - We are looking for something a little bit quirky...We are called Maverick!
  - We publish children's picture story books, so please make sure that your text is a story.
  - A short cover letter with some information about yourself eg. location, job and whether you are already published.
  - Your name on the email (you would be amazed how many people forget to put a name!).
  - It looks better if you send your own submission, unless it is being sent on your behalf by an agent.
- N.b.** At Maverick we are looking for proactive authors, who want to go out and about doing events etc. It is also important for us that you write lots and really really really want to be an author.

## Submissions Checklist...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Have you read the guidelines and/or watched the video on our website? | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you proofread your manuscript?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Got a strong title?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Are you prepared for changes to be made to your manuscript if it is accepted.                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is your text under 650 words?   | <input type="checkbox"/> In your email, have you got your name and the title of the manuscript(s) as the subject line? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Would your manuscript fit in with our title list.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you included a bit about yourself in your email.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a PDF or Word/Rich Text format, max. size 5mb.                     | <i>Finally...</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the text easy to read?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you stocked up on supplies (i.e. tea) while you wait for a response!?                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is your story quirky and/or original?                                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are you willing to be a proactive author?                             |  |