UNSOLICITED MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Gibbs Smith no longer accepts paper submissions through the mail. All unsolicited queries, submissions, and correspondence will be via e-mail. Due to the number of submissions we receive, please note that it is our policy to only respond if we are interested in exploring it. We will not return materials and are not responsible for loss or damage.

Address all queries to Acquisitions Team and submit via email to:
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NONFICTION
Our main emphasis is on interior design, architecture, children’s activities, and cookbooks. Additionally, we accept submissions in the following subjects: Arts & Crafts, western humor with general appeal, general humor, and gift books.

For the above subjects, we welcome a proposal, including: a description of the subject; an analysis of the market and the author’s qualifications for writing the book as well as how the author is going to help sell and promote the book, including on-line presence and outreach; an outline of contents; and sample writing. If photographs or illustrations are a major component, attach a PDF or jpegs showing samples. Maximum size of attachments is 3 MB. We will invite the complete submission only if we are interested.

For nonfiction subjects other than those listed above, send a query letter only. We will invite the submission only if we are interested.

CHILDREN
We are accepting submissions for children’s activity books and board books but not currently accepting submissions for children’s picture books, unless from established authors with solid sales track record. Submit a detailed outline and a writing sample via email to the address below. Activity book manuscripts should contain fewer than 15,000 words.
We will invite the entire manuscript submission only if we are interested.

FICTION
We are NOT accepting fiction manuscripts, story collections, novels, religious, or young adult chapter books at this time.

POETRY
We are NOT accepting poetry at this time.

PLEASE NOTE
*You should receive a confirmation by e-mail that your query has been successfully submitted.
*We will respond only to submissions in which we are interested. If we would like further materials or information, we will contact you within 12 weeks.
*If disk or paper submissions are received, they will be recycled, and we will respond only if we are interested.
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