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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO RAVEN'S WING BOOKS

SUBMISSIONS:

Above all, Raven's Wing Books welcomes a submission that keeps us turning the pages, that surprises and seduces us. We want novels that strike that perfect balance of character and plot-driven fiction.

Raven's Wing Books will officially be open to submissions on **October 1, 2009 and close for submissions on December 31, 2009.**

Raven's Wing Books considers only novels between 50k and 100k in length, in the following fiction categories: Historical fiction, mysteries, and contemporary/mainstream novels. We do not consider short stories or short fiction collections, and are not interested in Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Romance—but might consider a contemporary, historical, or mystery novel with romantic elements.

Follow these steps to send your work to us:

- 1. An author's first contact with Raven's Wing Books must come in the form of a well-considered, two-page professional query that gives us an overview of the work.**
- 2. If interested, we will ask for the first three chapters to be submitted via email.**
- 3. If you make it over that hurdle, then we will ask for the WHOLE manuscript.**

DO NOT send us manuscripts without contacting us first. Unsolicited manuscripts will be returned WITHOUT being opened.

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CHAPTER BREAKS: Hard page return between chapters

FILE DELIVERY: Email attachment (RTF OR MS WORD.doc)

FILE SIZE: Nothing over 4-MB

FILE TYPE: RTF (Rich Text Format) - or MS WORD (.doc)

FONT FORMATS: Use plain text with Italics for emphasis, as needed; no bold or underlines. Put character thoughts in italics, we will know what you mean.

FONT (TEXT): Times New Roman, Size-12 (TNR-12)

LINE SPACING: Double (2)

PAGE FOOTER: None

PAGE HEADER: Put "TITLE/Author" on left and "Page #" on right (TNR-12)

PAGE MARGINS: 1.0" all around on 8.5" x 11" standard sheet

SCENE BREAKS: Center three asterisks (* * *) below the last sentence in the scene. Skip one line and start new scene the next line.

STYLE DASHES: Please use the EM Dashes (—) not two short (EN) dashes --

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STYLE HYPHENS: Use hyphens only in standard phrases, such as "mother-in-law"

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