

HANNIBAL BOOKS

P. O. Box 461592; Garland, TX 75040

WRITER GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPTS

OUR MISSION

Hannibal Books is a Christian publishing company specializing in books and other written materials for helping families and individuals develop healthy patterns and skills in order to become all God created them to be.

WHAT TO SUBMIT

General non-fiction; inspirational; biography; autobiography; Christian living; self-help books; fiction; books for children and youth; books for ministry to children, youth, and adults; devotional books; and Bible-study materials for the lay reader.

What to Include

1. A cover letter answering in detail each of these questions:

- What is the book's subject matter and approach?
- To what specific audience is the book addressed? Be precise.
- What distinguishes your book from others that exist on the subject? Do indepth research and prepare a detailed, book-by-book, comparison list of any other books that may be even remotely similar to yours.
- What need does your book fulfill that the others do not?
- What distinguishes you as an appropriate spokesperson on this subject?
- Why is your book appropriate for Hannibal Books?
- What opportunities would you have to promote your work? (speaking engagements, seminars, radio/TV interviews).

- Do you plan to purchase books for your own use or sales? If so, how many?
- Who are the work's potential endorsers?

2. One or two sample chapters.

3. A brief, one-paragraph synopsis of each of the other chapters.

4. An appropriately sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your proposal (if you want us to return it.)

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Submit your letter, sample chapters, and one-paragraph synopses as typed or computer-printed copy. Do not hand write or hand print your submission.
- Consecutively number your pages throughout.
- Include your name and address on each document you submit.
- Mail your material flat in an envelope with adequate postage. Do not fold your submission.
- Submit only clean and easily readable photocopies.

ABOUT HANNIBAL BOOKS

Hannibal Books has been serving the Christian evangelical community for more than 20 years. It publishes evangelical and nondenominational trade books primarily for Christian readers. Book proposals need to be consistent with that perspective. These are the four categories of books we publish:

- Family Topics
- Missions Books
- Critical Issues
- Small-group Studies

SUBMISSION PROTOCOL

Thank you for understanding about these following necessary policies regarding the volume of proposals Hannibal Books receives.

- Do not send audio cassettes, computer disks, or videotapes in lieu of typed manuscripts.

- The Hannibal Books staff is unable to take query calls or answer query letters from authors. To be considered for publication, manuscript proposals must be submitted to:

Hannibal Books
P.O. Box 461592
Garland, Texas 75046-1592

- We cannot return any material that does not include an appropriately sized self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you do not send return postage, your material will be discarded.

- Within two weeks of the receipt of your manuscript, Hannibal Books will mail you a postcard acknowledging that your material has arrived at our offices.

- We pledge to do our best to respond to your material within three months.

- Hannibal Books cannot be responsible for original manuscripts, photos, artwork, etc. Do not send these materials but make photocopies instead before you mail.

- Although Hannibal Books does thoughtful, extensive editing on manuscripts, we do not have the staff for re-writing or to serve as coauthors. You may want to contact local universities or colleges, writers guilds, or editorial services for this type of assistance.

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PROMISES FROM GOD'S WORD

Two passages from Scripture have formed the basis of our marching orders and assure us of God's purposes and provision.

"If you have faith
as small as a mustard seed,
you can say to this mountain,
'Move from here to there,'
and it will move. Nothing will be
impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20 (NIV)

"Now, then, stand still
and see this great thing
the Lord is about to do
before your eyes."

1 Samuel 12:16 (NIV)

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