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## Submission Guidelines

Thank you for considering Floris Books for your book. As a smaller publishing company with a dedicated team we are able to give our authors personal care and attention, and many authors have published with us consistently for years.

Before submitting your manuscript, please take a moment to read our submission guidelines below and ensure you're sending us your work in the best possible way.

Please note that we only accept submissions for **children's picture books** if they are in some way Scottish – Scottish themes, Scottish setting, Scottish characters (or if you, the author or illustrator, is Scottish). This is so they fit into our Picture Kelpies range (see below). We **do not** accept general children's picture book submissions.

We also **do not** accept submissions by email.

### All Submissions

- Please include a brief author/illustrator biography
- If you would like your work returned, please include a stamped-addressed envelope of the appropriate value. If no return postage is enclosed, we cannot return the work
- Please do not send more than one book at a time
- The address for submissions is at the bottom of this document
- Please allow at least three months for a response

### Adult Non-fiction

- Please send the first three chapters of your book, along with a synopsis of the whole work
- For non-fiction, please also send an introduction and/or table of contents

### Picture Kelpies – Scottish children's picture books

We publish a range of Scottish children's picture books known as the Picture Kelpies. They are suitable for children aged roughly 3 to 6 years old, and must be, in some way, Scottish – Scottish themes, Scottish setting, Scottish characters, or a Scottish author/illustrator.

- We can accept text-only submissions (no illustrations), illustration submissions (samples which don't yet have a story), or combined text and illustration submissions.

### General children's picture books

- Unfortunately we **do not** accept unsolicited submissions for general children's picture books which don't fit the guidelines for our Picture Kelpie range (see above)
- General or international picture books that you may see in our catalogue are normally co-publications with other European publishing companies

### Kelpies – Scottish children's novels

- Manuscripts should be 30,000 – 60,000 words, and should be suitable for either the 6–9 age group, or 8–12 age group
- Stories should be set largely or wholly in Scotland, or have Scottish characters or themes
- **Kelpies Prize:** we also award an annual Kelpies Prize for new Scottish writing for children. See [florisbooks.co.uk/kelpiesprize](http://florisbooks.co.uk/kelpiesprize) for more information.

## **Flyways**

- We are no longer commissioning for this series of books. Please note, therefore, that we do not accept submissions for books for children aged over 12 years.

## **Illustrations**

- Very occasionally, we commission freelance illustrators to produce illustrations for book covers and/or internal book graphics. If you are a freelance illustrator, and would like us to hold your contact details and a small sample of your work on file, you are welcome to send those in. However, please note that we are not able to reply to any illustration submissions.
- We do not accept unsolicited submissions for general children's picture books (but see guidelines for Picture Kelpies, above)

## **What we don't publish**

- Please take time to look through our list and ensure that the subject of your book fits with our publishing programme
- We do not publish in the following areas:
  - Poetry or verse, for children or adults
  - Adult fiction, or children's fiction over the age of 12 years
  - Autobiography, unless it specifically relates to one of our non-fiction subject areas
- Note also that we do not accept unsolicited submissions for general children's picture books (but see guidelines for Picture Kelpies, above)

## **Address for submissions**

Send your submission to:  
Children's Editor OR Non-Fiction Editor  
Floris Books  
15 Harrison Gardens  
Edinburgh EH11 1SH  
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Please do not send submissions by email; they will not be considered. Please allow at least three months for a response, before contacting us about your submission.