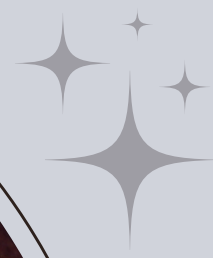


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# SKY'S THE LIMIT PRESS

## *press guide*



# W E L C O M E

Whether you've already spent hours scouring our website or just clicked onto this press guide, I want to welcome you to Sky's the Limit Press. I'm so honored that you're interested in learning more about us, and I hope this guide can provide you with the information you need. If, however, you still have unanswered questions, you're always welcome to drop me a line at [skysthelimitpress@gmail.com](mailto:skysthelimitpress@gmail.com)!

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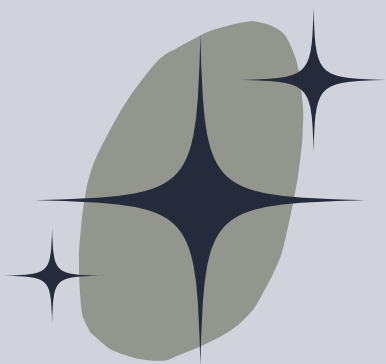
## WHO WE ARE + WHAT WE DO

We're a small traditional Christian publishing company, founded by a Christian writer for Christian writers. We want to encourage your God-given dreams and convictions; equip you to write the story on your heart, for God's glory; and explore publishing with you, whether through our anthologies, press, or whatever avenue God leads you to. We're not just a company—we're a ministry and a home for writers of life and light.

We offer author coaching for writers of all ages and stages, and publishing opportunities for those ready to dip their toes into publishing through our anthology contests. We also accept unsolicited submissions for Christian novels in (almost) all genres.

Learn more at the link below.

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## WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We're looking for Christian and faith-based novels between 60k and 300k in word count. We are open to fantasy, historical fiction, contemporary fiction, suspense, mystery, slice-of-life and literary fiction, women's fiction, speculative, and romance in any genre (historical, contemporary, fantasy, etc.). We're currently focusing on the adult, NA (new adult), and YA (young adult) markets.

We're not looking for trends, fandom fodder, or overly tropey stories. (Bring on the tropes, please, but ensure your story has a lot going for it beyond the labels!) Instead, we're looking for stories that have unique, well-executed premises; engaging, developed characters; poignant themes; and quality prose. Your story should speak for itself.

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# WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CHRISTIAN AND FAITH-BASED?

Everyone has a different idea of what Christian fiction looks like—and we're okay with that. It's entirely up to you how your faith influences your story, but our definition (and, by default, our standard for the stories we publish) looks like this:

- **Content that's edifying and authentic.** We want stories that tackle the tough stuff, from everyday struggles to hot-button topics, in a healthy, helpful way. We want stories that open the line of communication rather than cut it off, by encouraging questions and consideration and fostering biblical convictions. We want readers to walk away from the books we published feeling uplifted, enlightened, and turned *toward* Christ rather than away from Him.
- **Belief that's believable.** Stories that capture the essence of the Christian walk, the beauty of Christ's love, and the divine purpose of life aren't flimsy cardboard cutouts; rather, they possess additional layers that support their themes and messages. We want to see stories that invite readers to journey along with the characters and grow in faith, that explore the depths of Christianity, and that make God tangible through their words.
- **Biblically correct over politically correct.** The desire to be "politically correct" has dominated the publishing industry and trumped the true purpose of literature: to entertain and explore. But we're not politically correct. We're here for your diverse cast—as people, not diversity points. We're here for your discussions on sexuality and gender—from a biblical perspective. We're here to discover truth alongside you in your writing.
- **A higher form of excellence.** A few bad apples have given Christian or faith-based fiction a bad rap. But we're not going to complain about the poor quality CF books out there now. We're here to make the changes we want to see in the genre. We believe that a Christian perspective and themes of faith can and should *enhance* your story. Christian media should reach a higher form of excellence because the Creator of the universe Himself is guiding and equipping us.



## WHAT DOES THE PUBLISHING PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

We're a small traditional press, which means we operate similar to a big-name trade publisher. We handle all the boring stuff—hiring editors and cover designers, securing copyrights and ISBNs, formatting and publishing—which frees you of the financial burden and time spent on formalities so you can do what you do best: write. But unlike a trade publisher, we give you the time, support, and relationship you need. Say goodbye to crunchy deadlines, pennies for royalties, and being just a number. You matter to us here at Sky's the Limit Press, and we want to work for you, not for the market.

We've designed our process to be as straightforward and stress-free as possible. It begins with a simple query letter, and if your query piques our interest, we'll request a proposal. If the proposal meets our criteria, we'll request your manuscript and send you a contract!

## PUBLISHING PROCESS. CONT.

As part of our publishing services, we offer the following at ZERO upfront cost to the author:

- professional cover design
- developmental, line, and copy edits
- interior formatting
- marketing + marketing materials
- ISBN, copyright registration, and any other necessary legalities
- paperback and ebook copies, and the option of hardcover
- distribution to Amazon

We are not a hybrid publisher, so we do not require authors to pay to publish whatsoever. Until we grow in our resources, we will fund publication through Kickstarter preorder campaigns.

We split royalties 50-50 between ourselves and the author, so our authors make up to 5 times as much as an author published with a larger company. We also allow authors to purchase a limited number of print copies at a discount for their personal use or to sell to their friends, family, or at local events (not for online resale). The profit from those sales is 100% theirs, and they reserve the right to charge whatever they wish for those select copies.

If you're interested in learning more about the particulars of the publishing process or would like to review a sample contract, you're invited to contact us through [our website](#) or email us at [skysthelimitpress@gmail.com](mailto:skysthelimitpress@gmail.com).

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

- We need Christian storytellers in this world.
- Publishing should benefit authors and be an enjoyable, exciting experience.
- Books should be used to bless others and glorify God.
- The story on *your* heart deserves to be told.
- Writers of all ages, stages, and backgrounds should be provided with the tools they need to succeed.
- Christian fiction can and should be excellent in quality as well as message.
- The literary industry should be built on values and relationships, not profit and politics.
- Writing and publishing alike are a journey, and there is always room for improvement.
- No one should be left to do this alone.



If you're ready to publish, email your query letter to our acquisitions editor Grace A. Johnson at [skysthelimitpress@gmail.com](mailto:skysthelimitpress@gmail.com) under the subject "Query for [Book Title] by [Author Name]".

If you're looking to learn and grow before you take the next step, explore our coaching services, resource library, articles, and more at [skysthelimitpress.com](http://skysthelimitpress.com)!

If you want to help us usher in a new wave of literature that glorifies God, consider [supporting us financially](#) or contact us for more opportunities!

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