

Perigee Submission Guidelines

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All Genres: Perigee publishes work under one-time international copyright. All other rights are retained by the author. Simultaneous submissions are welcome, but notify us if accepted elsewhere. We do not provide compensation at this time. If submitting via standard mail please send your submissions to our San Diego address, listed on our "Submit" page. Submissions are not normally returned; if you want your submission to be returned please include a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

Prose: We consider prose of 500 to 3,500 words. Short stories, novel excerpts, music or movie responses, and creative non-fiction are all welcome. All styles and subject matters are considered although we prefer prose which is succinct. For fiction: Remember to start as close to the end as possible, weave exposition in as you go, break ground without alienating story, and involve people not characters--a character is merely a caricature. Ultimately we want to be entertained, moved, or otherwise affected by your work; the best fiction evolves the reader too.

Verse: Submit no more than five (5) poems before hearing from us on your existing submissions. All styles and subject matters are considered although we appreciate brevity. We are not interested in poetry which relies on patriotic, religious, or "love conquers all" platitudes. Instead we want thoughtful poetry which demonstrates brutal and exhaustive revision, along with a commitment to voice. Real emotion, expert word choice, careful form, and creative execution will catch and hold our attention. If you use rhyme there should exist a deliberate and consistent rhyme scheme and meter--unless employing internal rhyme.

Please Keep in Mind:

How to Submit: We do not accept e-mail submissions. Instead, we provide a function which allows writers to submit work directly through our web site. Standard mail submissions are also accepted, and should be directed to the San Diego address above.

Only Microsoft Word or Corel WordPerfect files are acceptable. If you use an alternate word processing program, you must save your file in "Rich Text" format so we can open it. Please include your name within the submission document itself--exactly as you wish it to appear if published.

File name considerations: It is helpful if the file name is the same as the title of your poem or story. The file name shouldn't contain special characters like quotes, commas, ampersands, or apostrophes (they are fine inside the work itself). Doing so can create server errors.

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