

Call for Submissions

Inklings Publishing is a small press. Our goal is to create opportunities for authors to publish work, attend writing workshops and retreats at minimal expense to them, and build dynamic writing careers.

In summer of 2015, Inklings added Inklings Children Division and launched its first picture book, The Smiley Face Blatoon. This book, written by a veteran teacher, included educator materials that parents and teachers could use in the classroom or to homeschool.

This first anthology for children, to be called Perceptions: Special Needs, was inspired by stories submitted to Inklings for consideration. Two very good stories about young people with special needs were submitted in the hopes of becoming picture books. However, they inspired Inklings to launch a series of anthologies focused on compiling short stories, articles, and poems that will help educators and parents discuss with children tough topics. The Perceptions Series will provide not only great fiction, nonfiction, and poetry to use with children to develop critical thinking and springboard discussions, but include educator material to extend and reinforce learning.

Submission Guidelines:

- Story should be no more than 5000 words long and must involve the volume's theme in some way. All genre's welcome - both fiction and nonfiction. Poems very welcome.
- Author's may submit up to 3 stories and/or 6 poems for publication consideration
- There will be two phases:
 - Revision Phase - After the initial submissions are reviewed, those Inklings wishes to include will be given an opportunity to work with an editor in a revision consultation. A deadline will be provided for resubmission based on the revision requests.
 - Editing and Beta Reading Phase - From stories resubmitted the final decision on which ones to include will be made. Our professional editors will do their magic ensuring the work is ready for the public and our beta readers will give us our initial reviews. Author's whose stories are selected will receive their contract and payment in this phase.
- Authors of pieces selected for the anthology will be paid \$20 per story accepted once all revisions have been made and accepted. Poetry selections will be paid \$5 per poem accepted.

- In addition to the money, authors selected will also:
 - Be provided a free copy of the volume
 - Be able to purchase from Inklings Publishing as many copies of the anthology as they wish at 50% off retail price and resell these retaining all profits from said sales
 - Retain all rights to their story for any future or concurrent use. No exclusivity is required or requested.
 - Become a member of Inklings Publishing. As such, future calls for submissions will be sent to you one month before the general call is issued and you will be able to register for events, workshops, and retreats at reduced prices and before the registration is open to others.
 - Members' picture and bio along with links to personal websites, facebook pages, or other social media will be posted on Inklings' website as well as the company's social media in order to assist in helping our members promote and brand themselves
 - Members will be invited to participate at any and all book events so they may have a chance to build a following for themselves.

Submission Format:

- Send your submissions in Word to inquiries@inklingspublishing.com
 - Subject Line: Perceptions Series Submission
 - 1st Page should be a cover page with
 - Title of story
 - author's name as you wish it to appear in publication
 - author's legal name
 - contact information for author including
 - email address, telephone number, and mailing address
 - 2nd Page should begin the short story/poems, with title again and in 12 pt Garamond font, single spaced.
 - Last page, after the final page of the story, include a short biography of the author.

Inklings Publishing will use the proceeds of the sale of these anthologies to fund opportunities for our members and other writers to promote themselves, improve their craft, and network.

We, at Inklings, look forward to reading your work and having you become a member of our company.