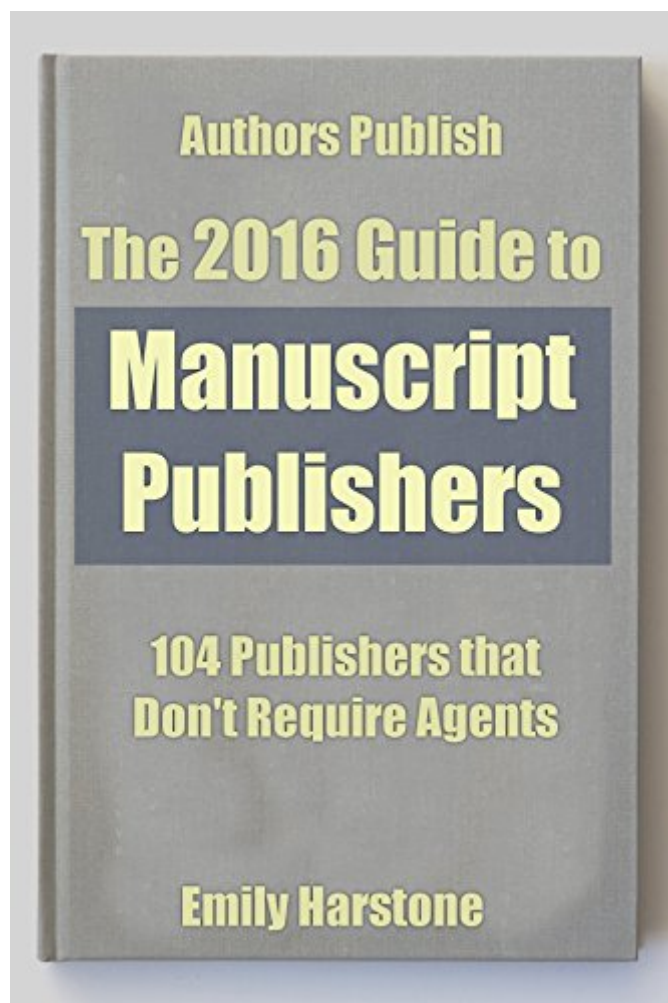


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The 2016 Guide To Manuscript Publishers: 104 Traditional Book Publishers That Don't Require Agents



Synopsis

Over the past three years, I have reviewed a publisher almost every week for Authors Publish Magazine. Some of these publishers are nearly household names, such as Chronicle Books or Bloomsbury. Others are fledgling companies still trying to figure out their identity. Many of the publishers fall between these two extremes. All of the reviews in this book were originally published in our magazine. The reviews have been updated to reflect any changes that have occurred within the company since the original review took place. This was an important and time-consuming project. Some of the changes that occurred with a publisher were minor; others were not. Many print companies who we reviewed early on have since started new digital first imprints. Fifteen of the publishers in the first edition of the book have been removed from the second edition of this book because they either started charging submission fees, closed to unsolicited submissions, or went out of business entirely. Around half of the publishers that did not make it into the second edition were removed because they closed to unsolicited submissions, and now they accept only agented submissions. The other more unfortunate trend that we have seen increase is that established traditional companies have started vanity-publishing imprints. We must emphasize that we are only reviewing the traditional publishing arm of any company and not the vanity-publishing arm. We do not recommend working with a vanity publisher. All the information in this book is as up to date as possible at the time of publication, but details can change at any time, so verify specific information on the company's website if you are serious about submitting to them. Not all of the publishers reviewed in this book are currently open to submissions, but the majority of them are. When reading this guide, it is important to know that every publisher that we review must meet a number of standards. All of the publishers must be open to any author regardless of their nationality and country of residence. Unfortunately, this eliminates a number of quality Canadian publishers. All of the publishers must be traditional publishers, which means that they must pay their writers for their work. It also means that they must never charge their writers anything to publish their books. This eliminates all vanity publishers, including companies that claim to be traditional publishers but charge their writers extra for cover design, editing, or other services. If a publisher tries to make you pay them, they are a vanity publisher. All of the publishers we review must be open to submissions without an agent at some point in the year. It is not that we don't like agents, some are great, some are not. There are definitely pros and cons to having an agent, and we leave that decision up to you. Most of the publishing companies we review are open to agented submissions as well; a few are not. Also, a number of publishers—particularly in the science fiction genre—prefer that you do not have one. We also try and wait at least a year before reviewing a company, so that they can

publish a few books and have a track record. So, even if we list a publisher as new, they are at least a year old.

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I appreciate all the research required for this second annual guide to traditional publishers to whom

writers can submit without an agent. There are cautions, too, such as when a publisher seems to care more about works coming from workers within his/her own company. I found many that I plan to look into for my own work. Each publisher had to meet a number of standards. I for one, however, don't have the time to submit by post like I used to. It seems to me that if the publisher can't get up to speed technologically, then what is he/she doing in publishing? I would also take off the list any who can't send a simple "not interested" if they're not, rather than advising if you don't hear from them in 3-6 months they're not interested. The author has a huge bias against self-publishing, still calling it "vanity publishing," and the stigma simply isn't there anymore, although one should be cautious. Thank you Emily Harstone for all your hard work, and whether or not it works for me, I look forward to issue 3 next year, as will many writers. You're doing a wonderful service.

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Probably better for other authors than myself. I read through the whole book and checked out most

of the websites noted, that were outside of my personal genre, just to make sure. Most looked very promising. However, I found very, very, few that addressed my genre of crime and mystery though. Of the few I did find, many were closed to submissions. Others were POD only publishers rather than traditional presses. I found 3 that I may actually follow up on. As I said, there are many, many outside of my specific genre, so it is definitely worth a look for other authors. Just not great for mystery writers.

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