

# DIAL BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

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## Submissions Guidelines

Owing to the overwhelming number of unsolicited manuscripts we receive, we at Dial Books for Young Readers have had to change our submissions policy:

- As of August 1, 2005, Dial will no longer respond to your unsolicited submission unless interested in publishing it. Submissions postmarked August 1, 2005, or later will be recycled.
- **Please *do not* include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your submission.**
- **Please be sure to retain a copy of your submission.**
- You will not hear from Dial regarding the status of your submission unless we are interested in publishing it, in which case you can expect a reply from us within approximately four months. We regret that we cannot respond personally to each submission, but rest assured that we do make every effort to consider each and every one we receive.

We at Dial accept:

- entire picture book manuscripts
- a maximum of 10 pages for longer works (novels, easy-to-reads)

When submitting a portion of a longer work, please provide an accompanying cover letter that briefly describes your manuscript's plot, genre (i.e. easy-to-read, middle grade or YA novel), the intended age group, and your publishing credits, if any.

Please keep in mind the following when submitting your work to Dial:

- **Never send submissions by e-mail or fax.**
- Never send cassettes, CDs, marketing plans, or original artwork.
- Please mail only one manuscript at a time and never send your original or only copy.
- Because confirmation postcards are easily separated from or hidden within the manuscript, please do not include them with your submission.
- Please refrain from calling, faxing, or e-mailing to inquire after the status of an unsolicited submission, as we will be unable to assist you. If you have not received a reply from us after four months, you can safely assume that we are not interested in publishing your work.

Printed art samples should be sent to Attn: Dial Design and will not be returned without a self-addressed stamped envelope. **Never send original art.** Never send art by e-mail, fax, or CD. Please do not phone, fax, or e-mail to inquire after your art submission.

**In receiving a submission, we do not assume any duty not to publish a book based on a similar idea, concept, or story.**