



Casey and Bella

Casey and Bella's Steps to Becoming a Published Author

- 1. Write about something you love!** I decided to write about my doggies Casey and Bella, because I love them so much! When you write about something you love, you will be passionate about your work. When you are passionate about what you do, it feels effortless and fun!
- 2. Edit your work:** Everyone makes mistakes. That's why pencils have erasers! Ask others to help proofread your work before you submit it to a publisher. When you have edited your work, then you are ready for the next step!
- 3. Copyright your work:** Whether you write a story, a poem, or a song it is a good idea to copyright your work before you send it out to publishers. You can copyright your work by sending it to the Library of Congress <http://www.copyright.gov/> Or you can Mail your work to yourself and the postmark will be proof of when you wrote it... just make sure you leave the envelope sealed!
- 4. Finding a Publisher:** Finding a publisher can be as easy as Goggling one! If you Google "Children's Book Publisher", you will find a list of publishers and information on how to get a book published.
- 5. What Should You Send:** Each publisher is different, so you may want to read the requirements on their website. Some might require the entire manuscript; others prefer to receive only a query letter or summary. Send each publisher only what they ask for, because some publishers won't read your submission if you do not follow their rules.

Here are some tips on sending your manuscript!

- Make sure your manuscript is typed on standard paper
- Make sure to include a cover page summary or query letter
- Make sure you send it the correct editor or the Editorial Department of the publishing company.

6. Rejection

Don't take rejection letters personally. If you receive a rejection letter, it doesn't mean your book is not good enough, it just means you have not found the right publisher yet! Remember to believe in yourself and your work! Even the most famous authors were once rejected. J.K Rowling was rejected a dozen times before Harry Potter was published!

Believe in yourself, stay positive, keep trying, and you can accomplish anything!

Casey and Bella Believe in You!!!

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