

Romance Novel Publishers

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[Carina Press](#)

Carina Press is a digital-first imprint of Harlequin. They want all sub-genres of romance in novels, novellas, and short stories. Their [submission page](#)

[Cherry Publishing](#)

A publisher of Romance novels of all kinds.

Actively looking for and accepting new submissions from writers.

Email vanessa@greentomatomedia.com if you have any questions.

You can also find out more about us at <https://cherry-publishing.com/en/> and submit your manuscripts here <https://cherry-publishing.com/en/manuscripts/>

Find us on Instagram here: @cherrypublishing_english

Harper Impulse is now called:

[One More Chapter](#)

They look for any kind of romance (focus is chick-lit). Currently not accepting (2020)

[Loveswept & Flirt](#)

Loveswept & Flirt, imprints of Random House, are digital-only and specific to women's romance books. They feature works from up-and-coming writers. Their main goal is to help familiarize readers with the world of eBooks.

Submit: Download [informational booklet](#) that outlines their team, what they're looking for, and how to submit to them.

Forever and Forever Yours

Forever and Forever Yours are sister imprints imprint of Grand Central Publishing Focus on conventional and unconventional romantic fiction, including but not limited to Regency, Western, and military sub-genres, and contemporary romance.

Allison & Busby

Allison & Busby is a large independent publisher home to both digital and print books. [submission guidelines](#) - only accept submissions from agents.

eXtasy and Divine Destinies

The primary thing eXtasy looks for is erotica while Divine Destinies focuses on non-erotic fiction. Both publishers are digital-only and include audiobooks with accepted work. If you check out the “heat level” feature telling you which reads are super steamy and which are more mild.

Submission Guidelines

In response to the vast number of unsolicited manuscripts we receive at Allison and Busby, and in view of the fact that we simply do not have the time or the manpower to evaluate these properly, we regret that we can now only consider submissions which come via a literary agent.

We therefore suggest that you seek representation by an agency which is in the best position to evaluate your submission. Once accepted, they will send it to the appropriate publishers, and negotiate on your behalf if your work is accepted for publication. Most literary agencies are listed in [The Writers and Artists Yearbook, published annually by A&C Black](#). This can be found in most bookshops and libraries.

ImaJinn Books

ImaJinn Books is looking for whatever romance you've written: sweet or spicy, historical or modern, fantasy or real-life. They feature work ranging from YA novels all the way to erotic fiction, and they publish in print and digitally.

Submissions are closed to new, unsolicited submissions at this time. (2020)

[Atmosphere Press](#)

Atmosphere Press is an author-first collaborative publisher open to book-length submissions in all genres year-round. We have no restrictive guidelines, other than to send us something good!

[Siren Publishing](#)

Siren Publishing is looking for very specific manuscripts: The romance must be at least 70% of the entire plot; sex must be explicit; no characters should be under 20 years old.

[Spencer Hill Press](#)

Spencer Hill has a sweet spot for romance that is, well, sweet. They publish mainly YA and adult contemporary romance, so don't spend a lot of time on this publisher if your book tends toward the dark side of romantic fiction. They do accept urban fantasy and paranormal romances and prefer series works.

Submission guidelines [here](#).

[Boroughs Publishing Group](#)

Boroughs looks for romance that elicits emotional reactions from readers, everything from sitting on the edge of their seats to grinning like an idiot.

Their [submission guidelines](#)

[Decadent Publishing](#)

Decadent Publishing is very clear: They are completely, 100% romance-only. They accept full manuscripts with specific style and formatting guidelines

Their [submissions page](#)

Mills & Boon

Mills & Boon is interesting because they have different series (which are basically broad sub-genres) they want you to write for directly. They suggest you read a lot of their works to get a feel for the type of writing they like in whatever series you're interested in.

In addition to the basics, their [submission guidelines](#) include a really cute section about how to write the "perfect" romance. So basically, even if you don't want to submit to them, you can still check out their page for some tips!

Vinspire Publishing

Currently Closed to Submissions (2020)

Vinspire is a publisher founded by four women on the basis of offering a little bit of everything suitable.

Bullitt Publishing

Bullitt Publishing is looking for contemporary romance. They distribute through major retailers and have print-on-demand for all titles. The steaminess levels for their books can be high or low; if it's real-life romance, they want to read it.

Their [submission guidelines](#)

City Lights

Due to challenges presented by COVID-19, we are unable to process unsolicited manuscript submissions at this time. Please check back here for updated submission guidelines in the coming months (2020)

City Lights is looking for anything romantic. They go for YA or adult fiction, as long as it's sexy (sexy-sexy or sexy-cute).

Right now they're accepting all romance except erotica, and they have a handy form in the code of their [submissions page](#), so it's easy to make sure you're filling it out correctly.

[Dreamspinner Press](#)

Dreamspinner publishes a gay male romance and likes books that focus on the relationship more than the plot. Also, they want all stories to have happy endings, monogamous or polyamorous.

Their [submissions page](#).

[EverAfter Romance](#)

EverAfter has a website includes a blog, which features everything from fitness tips to TV recaps, so they're a lot more than just a publisher.

Their [submission guidelines](#)

[Evernight Publishing](#)

Evernight Publishing knows it has readers looking for all kinds of romance. Not only do they split up their titles by sub-genre, but they also have a list of "[heat levels](#)" by which they rank your book, so readers know exactly what they're getting.

[Entangled Publishing](#)

Entangled as a whole is all about romance. They publish 20-35 titles a month as eBooks and 4 per month in eBook and print.

Their [submissions page](#)

Harlequin

Harlequin is pretty cool about their promotion of books. They include a “shopping guide” you can download from their website that promotes their new books and gives recommendations, coupons, and extra goodies for all of their imprints. But basically, what Harlequin as a whole is looking for is good romance.

Their [submissions page](#) lays out how to submit (and what, specifically, you should submit to), but their [submission guidelines](#) lay out the different imprints and which one you’re catering to.

Avon

Avon is one of the big names in the romance publishing industry, but maybe that’s because they’re so *lax*. Their submission process seems like it would be a breeze (as long as they can read it, format everything however you want!) and they even have a specific list of things to get you noticed.

Bold Strokes

Bold Strokes is seeking LGBTQ books. Their covers tend towards the sweeter side of romance, but don’t let that fool you—they’re also open to erotica. Whether it’s fiction, YA, or nonfiction, if it’s LGBTQ, it’s good for review.

Their [submission guidelines](#) outline specifics like preferred word count for each genre and how to format, so be sure to read it closely.

[Blushing Books](#)

Blushing Books publishes everything from *50 Shades of Grey* knock-offs to idyllic Christian tales. They are building off two retired publishers (Wicked Velvet and Wicked Castle), so much of their erotica comes from that influence. But that doesn't change the fact that Blushing Books will take submissions for anything.

They do mainly eBooks, but some of their titles are published in print. You can either [get published by them](#) or [publish with them](#) (both of which, of course, must first be accepted).

[Melange Books](#)

Melange looks to cater to every reader's specific taste. Whether that's chick-lit or Anthropomorphic-lit, Melange either has it or is looking for it. (And for some of the more obscure sub-genres, thank goodness, they have [explanations](#) for the weirdness.)

They're currently [closed for submissions](#) (2020) but you can keep up-to-date with miscellaneous Melange stuff via their [blog](#), including when their doors open up again.

[House of Erotica](#)

Yes, this publisher is exactly what it sounds like. Unapologetically explicit, House of Erotica is only for the spiciest of the spicy romances. To submit, they just want an email of your manuscript and some info (the usual bio/synopsis/etc. plus a pen name). They prefer works over 30,000 words, and if the work is accepted, they will design the cover.

[Sourcebooks Casablanca](#)

Sourcebooks is an independent publisher that takes all genres of work, but [Casablanca](#), their romantic fiction imprint, is currently seeking submissions. They want 85,000-100,000 words, so make sure you have an epic on your hands before sending it in.

[guidelines for submission](#) One of the criteria is a hook so good it sells the book in the first two or three sentences—so even though your manuscript is long, make sure it catches your readers from page one.

[Diversio Books](#)

Diversio is looking to open doors for new writers and reignite flames in old writers. They publish many genres, but their romance section focuses on contemporary and historical fiction. Diversio's [submission page](#)

Diversio is not currently accepting unagented submissions. (2020)

[Changeling Press](#)

Changeling Press accepts a lot of different kinds of fiction. Right now, their call is for contemporary and futuristic romance in a variety of themes, with what they call only one heat level: HOT.

Their [submission guidelines](#)

[Beachwalk Press](#)

Beachwalk is an entirely digital publisher, but don't let that stop you from sending them your work. They want to make books convenient for everyone, and yours could be a part of that, as long as it's "sensual" or higher on a thermometer.

They accept romance in all sub-genres, but make sure it's nothing too "sweet" or anything that could be classified as YA. Read their full guidelines and how exactly to submit (via email) [here](#).

[Tule Publishing](#)

They have a number of different imprints, so make sure you know which one you're submitting to. Their [submission guidelines](#) lay it out pretty well so you can say straight up what sub-genre you've covered when you email your submission.

[Riptide Publishing](#)

Riptide is committed to publishing LGBTQ fiction that's the best they can find. While not strictly romance (they publish other genres of fiction, as long as the protagonist is an LGBTQ character), that is the category they are strongest in.

Now that same-sex marriage is legal, we want to see all your drunk-married-in-Vegas fics!

[Submit here](#)

[Inkspell Publishing](#)

Inkspell is looking for interesting, captivating romances with unlikely heroes, werewolves who fall in love, lonely dragons—but also charming cowboys, meet-cute strangers, the hot neighbor next door.

Their submissions [guidelines](#)

[Clean Reads](#)

Don't let the under-construction site fool you—Clean Reads has their stuff together. They publish under the idea that not all romance novels have to be sexy. They take any romance sub-genres (except erotica, obviously) and also have a smaller selection of non-romance genres. To [submit](#), they have a private message widget to get in touch.

Here's the bottom line: If your work doesn't have any open door sex scenes, profanity, or frequent innuendos, this is totally the romance publisher for you.

[Totally Bound Publishing and Pride Publishing](#)

Imprints of Totally Entwined Group, are currently open to submissions of romantic fiction. Pride Publishing focuses on LGBT+ romance fiction, and Totally Bound on erotic romance, romance and sweet romance. You can find out more about current submission calls and guidelines here: <http://www.totallyentwinedgroup.com>

[Hallmark Publishing](#)

Closed to unsolicited submissions of novels
(2020)

Sands Press

Sands Press is a literary publisher interested in new and established authors wishing to develop and market their product. Sands Press is represented globally by the world's most respected book distributors, IPG Books. [Submissions](#)

Garden Avenue Press

Submissions to Garden Avenue Press currently closed (2020)

A romance novel must have a central love story and an emotionally satisfying and optimistic ending. We accept a happily ever after (HEA) or a happy for now ending (HFN).

Pegasus

We welcome submissions from both new and previously published authors.

[Submission guidelines](#)

Lyrical Press

They welcome submissions of historical romance, contemporary romance, women's contemporary fiction, Amish romances and inspirational romances, historical fiction, gay fiction, cozy. Lyrical Press [Submissions](#).

Tell Tale Publishing

Romance and Romantic Suspense

[Submission Guidelines](#)

Check each Imprints for specific Content Guidelines

[Dahlia](#): Romance: Romantic Suspense, Gothic Suspense, Regency, Single Title Contemporary

[Stargazer](#): Fantasy: Paranormal, High Adventure Fantasy, Urban Fantasy, Steampunk

[Nightshade](#): Horror

[Casablanca](#): Mystery

[Thistle](#): Middle School, Young Adult, New Adult

[Déjà Vu](#): Republication from all genres

Black Lyon Publishing

We're looking to expand our nonfiction catalog in several areas. Please view our [guidelines](#) for details! Romance submissions are currently back open.

ROMANTIC ADVENTURE

CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE

PARANORMAL ROMANCE

HISTORICAL ROMANCE

Black Opal Books

Black Opal Books accepts submissions between 1 June and 31 December each year. They publish all romance genres, including paranormal and erotic, as well as YA, Women's Fiction, Chick Lit, Historicals, Mysteries, and Thrillers. [Submissions Guidelines](#).

NineStar Press

NineStar Press is an LGBTQA+ ePublisher based out of New Mexico that was founded in 2015. They primarily publish romance and erotica but are also interested in literary works about characters that are generally under-represented in fiction, for example ace, aro, trans, nonbinary, genderfluid, bi, pan, etc. They are also interested in genre-bending and fusion genres. [Submissions Guidelines](#).

