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Submission Guidelines

Everything you need to know before you query us.

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BEFORE YOU SUBMIT: READ THIS FIRST

We specialise in Cosy Romance, RomCom, Romantasy, Spicy Fiction, Historical Romance, and Paranormal Romance.

We do not represent YA, literary fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or screenplays.

Complete, polished manuscripts only, written by their human author; we do not accept work generated using AI.

We read every query. We respond within 8 weeks. We never charge fees.

What We Are Looking For

We want the books that readers in our genres cannot put down. We want voice, commercial appeal, and a story that genuinely moves us.

Genre	What we're looking for
Cosy Romance	Contemporary romance with warmth, humour, and emotional depth. Small-town settings, found family, slow burn. HEA or HFN required.
RomCom	Funny, fast-paced, banter-heavy contemporary romance.
Romantasy	Fantasy novels where the romance is central, not a subplot. Fully realised worlds AND off-the-charts romantic tension.
Spicy Fiction	Adult romance with explicit content, whether contemporary, paranormal, or fantasy. Strong plot and character alongside the heat.
Historical Romance	Historical fiction with rich period detail, a romance where the structural obstacles feel genuinely impossible, and a world that feels lived-in and immersive. HEA or HFN required.
Paranormal Romance	Supernatural worlds with internal logic and characters with genuine psychology. Vampires, shifters, demons, and beyond; we want the romance to be the point, not the backdrop. Contemporary or secondary world settings welcome.

Word Count Guidelines

Genre	Accepted word count range
Cosy Romance	65,000 – 95,000 words
RomCom	70,000 – 95,000 words
Romantasy	90,000 – 130,000 words
Spicy Fiction	70,000 – 110,000 words
Historical Romance	80,000 – 150,000 words
Paranormal Romance	55,000 – 120,000 words

How to Submit

We accept email submissions only. Please send your query to:

submissions@brixandjago.co.uk

Subject line: QUERY — [TITLE] — [GENRE] — [WORD COUNT]

Your query email must include:

- A query letter of no more than one page, attached as a Word document or PDF
- The first three chapters OR first 50 pages, attached as a Word document or PDF
- A synopsis of no more than two pages, attached as a Word document or PDF
- Confirmation that the manuscript is your own original work, and that no part of its text was generated, paraphrased or rewritten using AI (see our FAQ for Querying Writers for what this does and doesn't cover)

Please do not send zip files, Google Drive links, Dropbox links, WeTransfer links, or other file-sharing links unless requested.

Your query letter should include:

- A one or two sentence hook
- Genre, word count, and comparable titles (published within the last three years)
- A brief synopsis: the main character, central conflict, and emotional core
- A short author bio

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE

Multiple projects in one query

A request for feedback

A statement that your manuscript has been rejected elsewhere

Response Times

Stage	Our response time
Query acknowledgement	Immediate (auto-reply)
Query decision	Within 8 weeks
No response after 12 weeks	Please get in touch
Full manuscript read	Typically 6 to 8 weeks. We will give you a timeline when we request
Simultaneous queries?	Yes, you may query other agents at the same time
Exclusivity required?	No, we do not ask for exclusivity at query stage

For information about how we collect, use, store, and retain submission data, please see our Privacy Policy at brixandjago.co.uk/privacy-policy.

We cannot wait to read what you have written. Good luck.

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