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GUIDELINES FOR *Fiction* WRITERS

The Basics: All manuscripts considered for Barbour Books should present an overall conservative, evangelical Christian worldview. Manuscripts that are not grounded as such will be returned to the author.

Publisher Specifics: Barbour Books—a value-priced book publisher—aims for the broadest segment of the Christian evangelical market and not one particular audience. Therefore narrow theological teachings and controversial topics are avoided, while lighter subject matter with very broad appeal will be considered.

Things to Consider: The need for a personal commitment to and relationship with Jesus Christ should be readily apparent in the life of the author and the author's work. Our readers consider themselves born-again Christians and rely on Barbour Books to confirm their values and beliefs.

Fiction Details: Our two mass-market romance book clubs have individual guidelines available.

Full-length fiction should have a romance focused plot and be 80,000 to 100,000 words in length.

Although the main characters should be or become Christians, they need not be saints. Through characters' problems, a message of the power of redemption should be apparent. The resolution of problems should be consistent with standard Christian teaching.

Both historical and contemporary settings will be considered, but the years between 1950 and present day are not of current interest.

One Final Point: At least one biblical/spiritual growth message should be threaded throughout. This message can be presented from many different characters, through symbols, and so on.

To Submit: If you believe you have a manuscript that would fit Barbour Books fiction guidelines, please send us a cover letter in which you introduce yourself and your writing/publishing experience, a summary of the story, and three chapters. We are still open to simultaneous submissions and authors who are not with an agent. All inquiries and materials should be sent to the following email address:

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