

## Submission Guidelines

Ylva Publishing is the home of quality lesbian fiction. We're constantly searching for new, talented authors, who write about lesbian and bisexual heroines. We are looking for authors, who take their craft seriously. We will of course pay royalties if we accept a manuscript for publication. Authors are not expected to contribute to the expenses involved in publishing and marketing their work; however, we are looking for authors who will actively participate in every step of the publishing process and in the marketing of their book.

### Please note:

- We exclusively publish fiction written by women.
- We invite submissions of believable romances, mysteries/crime, young adult, and well-researched historical novels.
- We publish fiction that focuses on women loving women.
- Please note that at the moment we're not looking for fantasy and/or science fiction novels.
- We do not publish poetry.
- We do not accept manuscripts that have been simultaneously submitted to multiple publishers.
- We're not interested in stories that glorify violence.

### Our Preferred Word Count for Genres:

- Romance, crime/suspense, action/thriller, mystery: 60,000 – 100,000 words
- Contemporary, historical, and general fiction: 60,000 – 100,000 words
- Young adult/new adult: 60,000 – 80,000 words
- Erotica: 60,000 – 80,000 words

### Before sending us your manuscript:

- Please don't send us your first draft. Revise and proofread your manuscript thoroughly before submitting it for consideration. Correct any spelling and grammar mistakes.

### Information we need from you:

- Please send us your manuscript as a .doc, .docx, or .rtf file attached to an e-mail. Do not mail us paper copies. Any and all unsolicited manuscripts sent to us by post will not be returned.
- Include a synopsis of the plot and provide the word count for the entire, completed manuscript.
- Let us know how long you have been writing and whether you have already published novels or short stories (and if yes, where).
- Tell us in one sentence, why someone should buy and read your book.
- Please tell us how you plan to market your book if we accept your submission and let us know if you have a website and if you are active on social media.

### The submission process:

- We will send you a confirmation e-mail after receiving your manuscript. This may take up to seven days.
- It typically takes our submission team eight to twelve weeks to review your manuscript.

### Manuscript formatting guidelines:

- Indent the first line of each paragraph 0.2 inches. Don't put an extra blank line between paragraphs.
- Don't place hyphens at the end of a line.
- For scene breaks, leave one blank line; then, in the next line, center three spaced asterisk (\* \* \*), followed by another blank line.
- Number each page (except for the cover page).
- Use smart (curly/typographic) quotation marks (“ ” / ‘ ’) instead of straight quotation marks (" / ').
- Use smart apostrophes (') instead of straight apostrophes (').

Please send your submissions to: [submissions@ylva-publishing.com](mailto:submissions@ylva-publishing.com)