

LBD Guidelines for Submissions

Dear Aspiring Author,

Are you interested in writing for *little black dress*? We publish contemporary, romantic fiction written with the modern girl in mind. These are fresh, witty, sweet and sexy stories, perfect to curl up with on a cold winter's day, to stash in your beach bag, or to help you while away that long train or bus journey home from the office.

Below, we've set out some guidelines to help you decide whether *little black dress* is right for you, and to show you how to submit your work to us as easily as possible:

- ✓ One of the best ways for you to understand exactly what it is we're looking for is by reading as many *little black dress* books as possible – this will help you get an idea of the kind of characters, plots and settings that most appeal to our readers. You can find details of up-and-coming titles on this website.
- ✓ At this time, *little black dress* will only consider contemporary fiction, with a strong, romantic plot. Do bear in mind that this line is targeting female readers between twenty and thirty-five, so it is helpful if your characters reflect this age bracket.
- ✓ All work submitted must be original and all the author's own material, in order to avoid any breach of copyright law.
- ✓ Please send us the first three chapters of your novel together with a short, one-page synopsis. Do not send us the full manuscript. If we are interested, we will contact you asking for the remainder of the novel.
- ✓ The word count should be strictly between 60,000 and 80,000 words.
- ✓ Submit your manuscript in typewritten form, 12-point type, double spaced, on one side of A4 paper only, with a wide left-hand margin. Number the pages and always keep a copy. Do not send handwritten work. Unfortunately we do not accept any disc or emailed submissions.
- ✓ Please enclose as much detail as possible in your covering letter about any material you have had published and, if applicable, tell us a little about your career as a writer. If you have been previously published, do please feel free to include a copy of one of your published novels as an example of your work – we may not be able to return this, so make sure it's not your last one!
- ✓ Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you would like us to return your material after consideration.
- ✓ Please address your submission to:

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We hope this information is helpful, and look forward to receiving your submissions!

With love from,

The *little black dress* team