



Barrister Row Publishing - Submission Guidelines

Barrister Row Publishing is a new publisher specializing in African-American and multi-cultural fiction and non-fiction books. Barrister Row’s mission is to develop and to publish stories that depict the depth and beauty of the African-American community. In doing so, the company will enhance the depiction of African-Americans, inspire its target audience to actively improve their lifestyles and create new opportunities for authors of color.

Barrister Row will publish books in the following categories:

Fiction	Non-Fiction
Christian Fiction	Biography & Memoir
Children & Juvenile Literature	Business, Career, Finance
Contemporary Fiction	Christianity & Christian Living
Historical Fiction	Crime & Justice
Legal/Medical/Political/Psychological	Family & Relationships
Mystery & Detective	Gender Specific Issues
Romance (Contemporary & Historical)	General Self-Improvement
Suspense	Health, Fitness & Wellness
Thrillers	History
Sagas	Inspiration
Science-Fiction/Fantasy	Political
	Pop Culture
At this time, we will not publish cookbooks, poetry and short stories. Submissions in these categories will not be considered.	

Barrister Row is an independent publisher that places a premium on the quality of our books. We are equally committed to supporting our new authors and to actively expanding their voices around the world.

Similar to traditional publishing companies, Barrister Row will offer advances and royalties. More importantly, we will provide key author development and innovative marketing support. After you join the Barrister Row family, we will dedicate significant time and resources to maximizing your book’s success. This includes manuscript development, professional editing and design, a tailored publicity and marketing campaign, and actively

seeking to expand your book across several entertainment mediums.

Barrister Row will begin to release titles in February 2009. We are actively seeking new authors to launch and to serve as the face of Barrister Row. Please see, and carefully adhere to, the submission package materials.

Specific Interests

As noted above, we will publish books across several genres, and encourage your submissions. We are, however, specifically interested in the following genres for our launch:

A. Fiction

Christian Fiction: We seek commercial titles that deeply convey a spiritual message, while depicting the realities, struggles and victories of Christian characters. We do not seek overly preachy manuscripts, but the book must significantly depict the character's growing or strong commitment to God and their Christian faith.

Romance: We are launching a special line of romance novels that cater to upwardly mobile African-American women from all walks of life. The heroines should be real, everyday women: teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, secretaries, etc., that struggle with finding and keeping love. Please note that our concept of "upwardly mobile" simply means women that are actively striving to improve their lives.

Contemporary Fiction

Suspense & Thrillers: We are interested in compelling page-turners, and manuscripts that can be developed into a series.

B. Non-Fiction

Please note that we seek authors that have specific experience in the subject matter, and/or may have previously published articles and materials in his or her field.

Business, Career, Finance: We are not seeking standard manuscripts on the same general topics (i.e., writing a resume, interviewing skills, investment tips), unless you have a new perspective. We are specifically interested in business, career and financial topics that cater to African-Americans and/or other minorities at the early and mid-stages of their career.

Christianity & Christian Living: We seek manuscripts that address a variety of subjects affecting today's African-American Christian that is "in the world, but not of it." We are specifically interested in Christian self-help topics, relationships and general spiritual guidance.

Crime & Justice: We are interested in manuscripts that draw attention to the American criminal justice system, and true crime stories.

Health & Wellness: With health and wellness at crisis levels in the African-American community, we seek manuscripts that speak to the issues affecting this community, and that promote realistic lifestyle alternatives.

Political: We are interested in authors that can comment on the political systems in America, from an African-American/multi-cultural perspective.

Submission Package Materials:

We will pay careful attention to elements that advance your story (or, unnecessarily hinder it). Examples: gratuitous sex or profanity that distract from, or do not serve, your overall story (though, by all means, if you are writing a romance novel, please feel free to liberally apply the romance factor).

Our intent, however, is not to sugarcoat the African-American experience or the reality of your subject or character's situation. We simply seek authors that can tell a compelling, inspiring, motivating or entertaining story, and we will examine your submission in that context.

1. Cover Letter. Briefly introduce yourself and the book. We are equally interested in our authors and their stories. In this letter, please include:

A brief biography (your personal background and what we should know about you);

Manuscript title and word count;

Any prior publications or experiences related to your book;

Membership in any organizations or community groups that may be helpful to the marketing of your book;

Your target audience (for example: single fathers, medical professionals, graduate students, Christian women, romance readers);

Why you wrote the submitted story; and

Complete contact information (mailing address, phone number and email address).

Overall, your cover letter should state anything that you think may be helpful to our review of your manuscript. Please indicate if this is an agent submission.

2. Synopsis. Provide a one-page synopsis of your book.

3. Outline. Provide a full outline of your book.

4. Table of Contents. If you are submitting a non-fiction title, please provide a table of contents.

5. Hard Copy of Entire Manuscript or First Three Chapters. Although we prefer to review your entire manuscript, we will accept the first three chapters for review. Please note, however, that we do not want multiple submissions. Thus, do not send the first three chapters of your book now, and the full manuscript of your book several months later. Alternatively, if you believe that your working manuscript is strong, please send the first three chapters for review with the caveat that, if interested, we will request that you provide a full manuscript within 30 days of our initial contact.

6. A self-addressed stamped acknowledgment postcard (optional). This card will be returned to you after we receive your submission.

Please adhere to the following mechanical requirements:

- Lead with a Title Page, which includes a working title, contact information and submission date.
- Use 8 ½" by 11" paper, with 1" margins on all sides.
- Indent all paragraphs, center chapter headers and scene breaks.
- Begin each chapter on a new page.
- Number each page.
- Double-space your manuscript or chapters.
- You may double-side your manuscript; however, please make sure that you use a quality paper to prevent bleeding.
- Use a readable, 12-point font (examples: Times New Roman, Courier, Garamond, Palatino). Please do not use any fancy fonts, or overuse bold face, underline and italics.
- Please do not attempt to typeset or design your manuscript.

Submissions will not be returned. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

We recommend that you take the time to submit your best work. Please be mindful of misspellings and typographical errors.

Because of the volume of material that we receive, the review period may take as long as six months. Please do not contact us during the review period. We will follow-up with you regardless of how we decide to act on your manuscript.

Please send submissions to:

Barrister Row Publishing
Attn: Tieffa N. Harper
PMB 111
910 Haddonfield-Berlin Road #16
Voorhees, NJ 08043