

# WRITER'S DIGEST BOOKS

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## About WRITER'S DIGEST BOOKS:

Writer's Digest Books is the premiere source for books about writing, publishing instructional and reference books for writers. Typical mss are 60,000-80,000 words.

## Freelance Facts:

<p>Established: 1920 Publishes primarily hardcover originals.</p> <p><b>Publishes 14 titles/year.</b> <b>Receives 500 queries/year.</b> <b>Receives 100 manuscripts/year.</b> <b>20% of books from unagented writers.</b></p> <p><b>Pays 10–20% royalty on net receipts</b> <b>Offers average \$5,000 and up advance.</b></p>	<p>Publishes manuscript 18 months after acceptance. Accepts simultaneous submissions.</p> <p>Responds in 2 months to queries.</p> <p>Book catalog for 9x12 and 6 first-class stamps.</p>
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## Nonfiction:

"Our instruction books stress results and how specifically to achieve them. Should be well-researched, yet lively and readable. We do *not* want to see books telling readers how to crack specific nonfiction markets: *Writing for the Computer Market* or *Writing for Trade Publications*, for instance. We are most in need of fiction technique books written by published authors. Be prepared to explain how the proposed book differs from existing books on the subject."

**Does Not Want:** No fiction or poetry

### Needs:

How-To, Reference, instructional books for writers

### Submission method:

Query with SASE

### Submit:

- Outline
- Sample chapters
- SASE

## Recent Titles:

*Pocket Muse*, by Monica Wood

*Writing the Breakout Novel*, by Donald Maass

## Tips: