

SAMPLE QUERY LETTER 3

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Dear Editorial Director:

I am seeing if you would be interested in my client's manuscript. Having seen several of your titles and reviewed your latest catalogue, I think this novel would nicely fit your list. I hope you'll agree.

This 67100-word novel, [REDACTED] traces the early life and peculiar times of Peter McGinty. Set in World War II England, Peter's story paints a vivid and textured picture of a boy's life in those times. An absent father, a corrupt Catholic School amid the Irish Christian Brothers, and an outrageous imagination shape Peter's passage from the innocence of childhood to the rebellion of adolescence. Peter is transformed from an idealistic boy with a solid moralistic foundation to a young man questioning all he's ever learned.

Peter's experience in Catholic School includes sometimes-sinister teachers and riotous revenge plots wrought by him and his classmates. These involved a Phantom Arsehole, a fish in the singing books, secret passages, indelible ink rings on the teachers' rear ends, and the plight of the staff at the year end dinner. His work on a farm, days at holiday camp, and his inadvertent love affair with a prostitute all exact a price. Peter emerges as a hopeful young man with more questions than direction for his future.

This semi-autobiographical book is written in a light-hearted fashion that makes for easy, entertaining reading and marks my debut as an **adult non-fiction writer**. I spent thirty years as a science teacher; five years in the United Kingdom and twenty-five years in Canada. I am currently working on the biography of [REDACTED], one of [REDACTED] most successful entrepreneurs, at [REDACTED]'s request. Prior to that I wrote many of [REDACTED]'s later speeches, including his retirement address to his 7,000 employees.

Enclosed are three sample chapters and a synopsis. Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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