



SUBMISSIONS

Your guide to becoming a Carrikin



Picturebook Authors

Picture book submissions

At Larrikin, we're all about stories with humour and heart. We are on the lookout for fun, quirky & original stories with a tinge of 'cheekiness'.

Our favourite stories contain strong humour with a subtle message that shines through your good storytelling.

Your story should:

- *Be pitched at children ages 3 and up.*
- *Be no more than 500 words, written in prose or rhyme.*
- *Rhyme must be fifteen stanzas, preferably with no more than 4 lines per stanza.*
- *Be original content and age appropriate.*
- *Contain text only, so we can have a clean first read through (keep all illustration notes etc. in the margins please. And forget page numbers too, we'll do that later, but feel free to split your stanzas.*
- *Be submitted via our online submission form.*
- *Please don't include illustrations unless you are also an illustrator. (This is risky as often we like one element but not the other).*

Some tips from James...

- 1. Story is hero:** *The number one mistake authors make is building the story around cool rhyming words. Instead, build a great story first, then make it rhyme later, or just write it in prose.*
- 2. Create a hook:** *The stories we love will have a strong hook at the start, drawing the reader in to want to read on.*
- 3. Keep it light:** *Any message you would like your story to convey must come through your story naturally; tell a great story and let the message speak for itself.*

Middle Grade Authors

Middle Grade Fiction submissions

We're looking forward to expanding our Larrikin titles to include Middle Grade Fiction.

Submission guidelines for this category coming soon...

Illustrators

Submitting your work is easy! We are currently only reviewing illustrators via Instagram. Please submit a link to your online portfolio via the form on our website

Successful Submissions

Should your submission be successful, we will offer you a publishing contract.

Once an agreement has been reached, our Creative Team will find the right illustrator and begin the production process. Our team will be engaged from start to finish, and final works will be sold through all the major sales channels.

Due to the number of manuscripts received, we cannot provide detailed feedback. If you have not heard back from us after 4 months, please assume we have declined your manuscript. However, we hope that you continue on your publishing journey, and wish you the very best moving forward.

If you would like to fast track your submission and receive thorough feedback, consider our manuscript assessment service. Visit our website for details.

Another way to make the most of your submission is to start your own Larrikin House collection by purchasing a selection of our titles. This will give you an idea of the kinds of books we love to publish.

We look forward to reading your stories!

**Good luck, we look forward to welcoming you
to our house of Larrikins!**