

How to Publish Poetry

Read the publication (or samples of the publisher's offerings) before you send your work. Make sure they publish the kind of poetry you're sending.

Send only three to five poems.

Request submission guidelines from the publisher and adhere carefully to them.

Ensure you format correctly - one poem per A4 page. Choose a standard typeface that is clean and easy to read.

Proofread and make sure there are no errors.

Enclose a one-page letter informing the editor of your purpose for submission and including a brief publishing history. Thank them for considering the manuscript. Don't explain your poetry; it should speak for itself; don't ask for or expect to receive feedback on your work.

Include a stamped self-addressed envelope (SSAE) for a reply. If there is no reply after three months, phone or email to enquire about the status of your submission.

Accept that rejections are part of a writer's life. Rejoice with every success.

Publishing scams Consider these four warning signs:

- The sponsor or publisher asks for money.
- There is no payment in either cash or publication copies.
- The offer is a form letter that looks hand-generated.

Publishers

Papertiger Media - Poetry Publishers

Publishers of poetry on CDROM, now also publishing poetry on the web and in print. Online sales available.

Contact: Paul Hardacre
www.papertigermedia.com
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Brisbane, QLD 4101
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Poetry Institute of Australia

We run poetry competitions every year and award thousands of dollars in cash prizes to winning entries. Poems deemed acceptable by the selection committee will be featured in an anthology that follows each competition, after every poet has granted permission for their poem to be published. The anthologies are published anytime from May to July of the following year.

PO Box 1545
CLEVELAND QLD 4163
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Sharon Steward (07) 3286 7661

Poets Union

Our aim is to encourage and develop opportunities for poets and contemporary poetry in Australia. We organise readings, workshops, tours, and festivals all round the country.

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Wannabee Publishing - Poetry & Short Stories

An independent small press with the aim to assist writers gain publication. We conduct an annual short story competition and annual poetry competition.

Location Address:

PO Box 21
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03 5446 2189

Five Islands Press

Five Islands Press is an independent publisher specialising in contemporary Australian poetry.

New Poets Program

- Under this program, we publish 6 books of poetry by poets who have been publishing in magazines and newspapers, but who have not yet had a first book of poetry published.- Submissions are called for in July/August.
- Manuscripts of about 40 pages of poems are required, accompanied by a record of publication and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

- Decisions are made in November for publication in the middle of the following year.
- The six poets chosen are required to attend a ten-day poetry workshop in January, but all expenses are paid.
- Further details of this program are available in a brochure released in February each year. Copies are available from Five Islands Press. The brochure includes details about the poetry workshop, which is also open to other poets.

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Ginninderra Press

Ginninderra Press was set up in 1996 to provide opportunities for new and emerging authors as well as for authors writing in unfashionable genres or on unpopular subjects.

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Poetry manuscripts should combine emotional impact with arresting imagery; social awareness is also looked on favourably. Previous publication is not essential.

Australian Poetry Centre

The new Australian Poetry Centre, funded by CAL, will be launched June 7, 2007.

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