



PERCHANCE TO DREAM



HOUSE LINE

 DREAMSPINNER
PRESS



WHAT WE WANT

Dreamspinner Press presents **Perchance to Dream**: stories of gay romance with settings and themes fitting for characters living in countries of the British commonwealth. We want to feature the lives and loves of residents in the British Isles, Canada, Australia, and more, while preserving the culture and flair that is uniquely British in origin.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

- Works of any length 15,000 words and up are eligible.
- Standard submission procedures will apply.
- **Stories should be submitted using British English grammar and spelling conventions.**
- **Natural voice, language patterns, word choice, and slang are strongly encouraged.**
- **Settings should be rich in the flavor of the countries of the British commonwealth.**
- **All standard editorial production procedures will apply except the application of the standard American English spelling Editorial policy requirement. To enjoy this exception, the book must be branded as part of this House line.**
- **At least one editor with British English language background and experience will be utilized during the production process.**

For specific questions, please contact submissions@dreamspinnerpress.com.

- **All House line selections will be branded with a logo on the cover.**
- Stories will be scheduled to release as part of the overall Dreamspinner publication schedule.
- Release order will be at the editorial staff's discretion.

EXAMPLES FROM OUR CATALOG

Coming Soon!

IMPORTANT NOTES

Dreamspinner Press will not publish gratuitous depictions of incest, rape, and other extreme material included for the express purpose of titillating the reader. We also maintain a specific Fair Use policy. Download a copy of our Editorial Policies, available on the Publish With Us page of our website, for specifics on confidentiality, editing, questions of legality, and content.

We do not accept previously published material, partial manuscripts, or simultaneous submissions. We will review your submission as quickly as we can, and we ask that you respect our editors' time by not submitting your manuscript elsewhere until we have completed our review. Partial manuscripts will be declined immediately. Thank you for your consideration.

We are currently not accepting manuscripts of fewer than 15,000 words unless they are submitted for inclusion in an announced anthology. To see a list of anthologies with open calls for submission, visit the Publish With Us page of our website.

TO SUBMIT

Send your submission to: submissions@dreamspinnerpress.com. Please include "Submission: Perchance to Dream" in the subject line.

Send in the body of the e-mail:

- Your legal name, pseudonym if applicable, and contact e-mail address.
- Working title, series name if applicable.

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- Genre and manuscript length.
- General story description in two paragraphs.
- Writing credentials.

Attach to the e-mail:

- A short but complete story summary and/or synopsis.
- The complete manuscript, for all lengths of works.

FORMATTING YOUR SUBMISSION

Please follow these simple formatting guidelines. Our editors will thank you.

- Submissions will be accepted in .docx, .doc, .rtf, and .txt formats.
- Standard 12 pt Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, .5 indent for the first line of each paragraph. 1.5 line spaces between lines. No tabs or spacing to indent, please! Page numbers in the upper right corner, author name in the upper left corner with the title of the work following. Example: Stephen King / The Shining
- Dreamspinner Press edits works using *The Chicago Manual of Style* as its primary reference. Editing your work to these standards prior to publication will greatly facilitate the publication process.

LENGTH STANDARDS

- Novel: 60,000 words and up
- Long Novella: 45,000-59,999 words
- Medium Novella: 30-44,999 words
- Novella: 15-29,999 words

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WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

- Unsolicited manuscripts are accepted at any time for the Dreamspinner Press imprint.
- We will acknowledge all submissions by e-mail within five to seven days.
- Submissions will be read by an editor and you will have a response within eight weeks.
- Electronic contracts are exchanged via e-mail.

ADVANCES AND CONTRACT TERMS

- All accepted works must be provided to us as an electronic file.
- All novels are contracted in print and digital formats, which are released simultaneously. A \$500-\$1,000 advance is paid in a single payment upon receipt of the signed contract. Once the advance is satisfied, novels earn 40% royalties for digital sales and 30% royalties for paperback sales.
- Novellas are released in digital format. A \$200-\$500 advance may be offered at the discretion of the publisher. Novellas earn 40% royalties for digital sales.
- Short stories and novellas for anthologies are purchased for a flat amount based on the length of the work. Exceptions are made for an anthology of shorter fiction by a single author in which case the novel length guidelines apply.
- Copyright remains with the author.