

## The Benefits of Working with Free Spirit

- You can expect a high level of personal attention from our editors and our promotions and sales departments.
- Our strong backlist ensures that your book will have a long life in print.
- Our books have been translated into more than 20 languages.

### DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT . . .

“Once again Free Spirit is on the leading edge of trends in education and topical issues.”  
—Center for Effective Parenting

“Free Spirit Soars in Self-Help Genre”  
—*Publishers Weekly*

“Do you know Free Spirit Publishing? If you don't, you should.”  
—International Reading Association

Judy Galbraith, 2004 Publisher of the Year  
—Midwest Independent Publishers Association

“Sensible, intelligent, and often fun, Free Spirit is soaring, thanks to a woman who is both practical and visionary, one who has clearly earned her wings.”  
—Networking Alternatives for Publishers, Retailers, and Artists (NAPRA) Review

Free Spirit books have been reviewed by *KLIATT*, *School Library Journal*, and *Publishers Weekly*, and featured on *CNN* and in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, *Women's Day*, and *Teen People*. Awards include the Benjamin Franklin Book Award, *Learning Magazine's* “Teachers' Choice,” *Early Childhood Education's* “Directors' Choice,” Parents' Choice, Parent Council, American Library Association's “Quick Picks,” New York Public Library's “Books for the Teen Age,” *Parent Magazine's* “Book of the Year,” Dr. Toy's “100 Best,” Oppenheim Toy Portfolio's “Platinum,” and many more.



**FOUNDED IN 1983** by author and educator Judy Galbraith, Free Spirit was the first publisher to offer self-help materials for young people. Today we continue to be the leader in providing positive, practical, solution-based learning tools that support the social and emotional development of young people at home, at school, and in their communities.

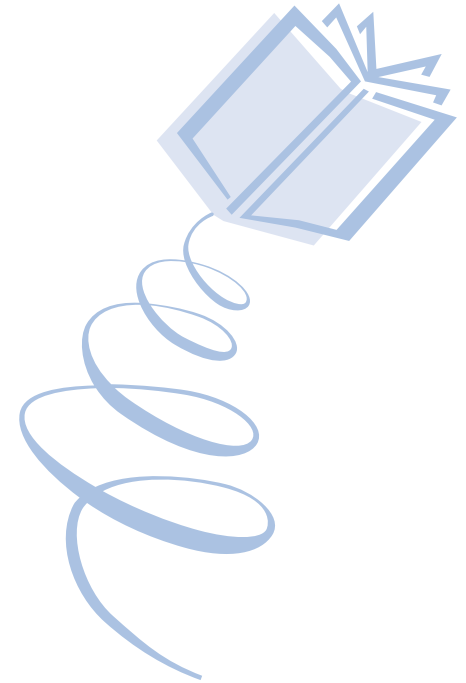
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# free spirit PUBLISHING® SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



**FREE SPIRIT** is the leading publisher of learning tools that support young people's social and emotional health. We help children and teens to think for themselves, succeed in life, and make a difference in the world.

We care about young people and the issues and challenges they face every day. Our line of materials includes early childhood books on social skills and positive behavior, Self-Help for Kids®, Self-Help for Teens®, parenting resources, and teaching resources for educators. Our titles inform, engage, and inspire children, teens, and the adults who live and work with them.

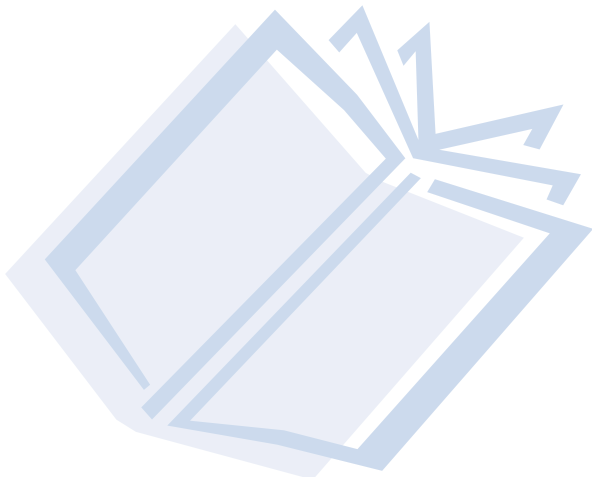
## Determining Whether Your Work Is a Fit for Our List

If you are interested in working with Free Spirit, it is best to start by familiarizing yourself with our books. You may request a copy of our catalog or review our titles online at [www.freespirit.com](http://www.freespirit.com). We also recommend that you check out our books at your local library or bookstore to get a feel for our tone and style.

### WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS:

- Fiction or picture storybooks
- Stories with animal characters
- Poetry
- Material with religious or New Age content
- Autobiographies or single biographies
- Self-help for adults

If your proposal is in any of the above formats, it is not right for us—even if content themes overlap with those we publish.



### WE ARE LOOKING FOR STRONG NONFICTION PROPOSALS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

**EARLY CHILDHOOD:** Board books for infant to age 4 and picture books for ages 4 to 8 that focus on social skills and getting along, early learning, self-esteem, and other topics related to positive early childhood development.

**SELF-HELP FOR KIDS®:** Titles for ages 8 to 13 on school success, social skills, bullying, character development, conflict resolution, service learning, self-esteem, and other topics related to positive social and emotional health.

**SELF-HELP FOR TEENS®:** Titles for ages 13 and up on life skills, conflict resolution, school success, positive decision making, family issues, character development, social action and civics education, and other topics related to positive social and emotional health.

**GIFTED & TALENTED:** Books on academic, social, and emotional development for gifted youth of all ages, as well as resources for parents, educators, and other adults who live and work with them.

**LEARNING DIFFERENCES:** Books on academic, social, and emotional development for youth with learning differences, as well as resources for parents, educators, and other adults who live and work with them.

**PARENTING:** Practical, pro-kid books for parents on specific issues related to youth development. We do not publish general parenting titles.

**TEACHING:** Practical, jargon-free materials for educators, counselors, and youth workers that focus on positive youth development, creative teaching strategies, and a wide range of social and emotional needs.

## Submitting a Proposal

Proposals must be sent by mail. We do not accept faxed or emailed submissions. Only proposals with the following elements will be considered for publication:

- A cover letter briefly outlining your project, the intended audience (including age ranges), and your relevant expertise.
- A current résumé.
- A market analysis with a comprehensive list of similar titles and a detailed explanation of how your project differs from available products.
- A detailed chapter-by-chapter outline.
- At least two sample chapters. (If a full manuscript is available, you may send it.)  
*Note: For early childhood submissions, the entire text is required for evaluation. Bracketed art suggestions are appreciated, though illustration samples should not be sent unless professionally competent.*

**DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS.** For return of your materials, include a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

### SEND PROPOSALS TO:

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## When Will You Hear From Us?

While we do our best to offer timely feedback on your project, the high volume of proposals we receive dictates a reply time of two to six months.