

Call for Submissions: Signature Series Chapbooks

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Folded Word will be continuing their Signature Series Chapbooks in 2010. Signature Series chapbooks are produced in both hand-crafted print and e-book editions. We encourage you to look at the current chapbooks in this series at <http://www.foldedword.com/buy.html> to get a feel for what we're seeking. This will be a highly-collaborative time-intensive publishing process rather than the typical "send in a finished manuscript" process. Because of this investment, we prefer to keep this call for submissions "in house." As with everything we publish, we are looking for PG-ish content.

Eligibility

In order to submit a manuscript for consideration, you must:

1. Have work published in (or have work accepted by) a Folded Word Twitter-zine in 2009. This includes **PicFic, Form.Reborn, and unFold**.
2. Own/contribute to a blog, Twitter stream, or Flickr photostream with at least three posts.
3. All editors (except for J.S. Graustein, who will be reading) are invited to submit manuscripts since submissions will be made anonymous by our Editorial Assistant.

Reading Period

- 15 September 2009 – 15 December 2009
- J.S. Graustein will make initial passes through submissions throughout the reading period. Some manuscripts will be returned on the 15th of each month.
- Five poetry manuscripts and five fiction manuscripts will be sent to a panel of readers for their feedback on 3 January 2010.
- One poetry manuscript and one fiction manuscript will be selected for the project by 15 February 2010. Publication date will be set as the project progresses.

Submission Guidelines

1. Each contributor may submit one poetry **and** one fiction manuscript. There is no reading fee.
2. Manuscripts should include **up to 300 lines (poetry) or 4000 words (fiction)**. The finished length may change throughout the editorial process. Poetry submissions may include form, free-verse, and prose poetry of any length as long as the total submitted line count is 300 or less. Fiction submissions may include any number of stories of any length as long as the total submitted word count is 4000 or less. At least 25% of the material should be previously unpublished.
3. All submissions must be made via e-mail to assistant@foldedword.com. The email should include:
 - your name & contact information
 - the title of your chapbook
 - genre (poetry or fiction)
 - your Twitter username and/or a link to your blog/Flickr.
4. Two copies of each manuscript must be attached to your email, one with your name & contact details at the top and **one completely stripped of all personal data**. Our Editorial Assistant will rename the anonymous file with an in-house file number.
5. Manuscripts **must be in .txt or .pdf** format since they will be reviewed on multiple e-book readers. Be advised that .txt files will strip all your formatting, so be sure to use the following style guide:
 - TITLE OF CHAPBOOK
 - "Title of Individual Work"
 - <thoughts or other italicized words>
 - _____to tab in (on poetry only, but please use sparingly)

Other Fine Print

- Signature Series Chapbooks will be sold through the Folded Word website, Amazon Kindle, Mobipocket, and other e-book retailers.
- Royalties will be paid under a profit-sharing arrangement.
- As funding becomes available for additional print projects, poets and writers with Signature Series Chapbooks for sale will be invited to submit book-length works.
- If your submission does not meet all the submission criteria, our Editorial Assistant will return it to you with a request for the missing information. Please reply promptly and courteously.

If you have any further questions about this project or would like clarification on any point above, please contact J.S. Graustein via email (editors@foldedword.com).