

Elva Resa Publishing

Making a positive difference in people's lives

Call for Manuscripts

Elva Resa Publishing is an independent publishing company based in St Paul, Minnesota, whose mission is to make a positive difference in people's lives. All submissions should clearly support our mission.

Due to a large increase in manuscript submissions, we have changed our submissions process to a call-for-manuscripts-only for all imprints. In this current call for manuscripts, we will accept open submissions through **September 30, 2013** for all three imprints.

Elva Resa

Our primary imprint specializes in resources for and about military families. We are accepting submissions on all topics related to military family life and for all ages and formats, including picture books, middle grade, teen, military spouse, and parents of service members.

At this time, we are especially interested in resources for preteens and teens, for classroom teachers of military-connected students, and for caregivers and family members of wounded or disabled warriors.

Alma Little

Our children's imprint publishes beautiful, meaningful books that bring a diverse world of possibilities and opportunities to children of all ages. We share our proceeds with organizations that help make those possibilities and opportunities a reality. Alma Little is a general interest children's imprint and does not focus on military family lifestyle.

At this time, we are especially interested in tender topics (e.g., courage, grief), women's suffrage, children's lifestyle and traditions in non-US countries, and characters who exhibit strong values. We will consider fiction and nonfiction picture books, young readers, middle grade, and young adult manuscripts. We are especially interested in chapter books and middle grade nonfiction.

Juloya

Our inspirational imprint helps people celebrate life—at work, play, and all aspects of their lives.

At this time, we are interested in reviewing nonfiction books and journals on the following topics: spirituality for preteens and teens, holistic living, life milestones, values-based leadership, and meaningful relationships.

Submission Guidelines

For all imprints, please follow these guidelines:

We are accepting **ONLY** electronic submissions. Please do **NOT** mail us a hardcopy. Send an email to submissions@elvaresa.com.

In the subject line, include the imprint name, your last name, and the manuscript title (with book format/age). For example:

Alma Little, Smith, The Day Josie Stood Up for Herself (chapter book, ages 7-10).

In the body of your email, include a letter with the following:

- a one-paragraph summary of your book's purpose, content, and/or storyline
- target reader/primary audience
- any relevant background about the need your book addresses, problem it solves, or ways it will specifically make a difference in readers' lives
- list of key competitive books and what makes yours different (if you haven't found competitive books yet, keep looking; there is always something similar on the market)
- relevant author bio/experience
- ways you, as the author, will market this book, including existing relationships with key organizations, speaking platform, social media platform, or other writing/marketing audience (blogs, syndicated columns, other published books, etc)
- your full name, day-time phone number, email address, web site/social media links, and mailing address

Attach your full manuscript in a PDF or Microsoft Word doc. Please double space; use a readable font, such as 12 point Times New Roman or Calibri; auto number your manuscript pages; keep a 1" margin on all sides; and include your name, email, and phone number in the header of each page.

Your work must be original, written by you, and you must own the rights to your work. We will consider previously self-published books if you own the rights.

Authors may submit directly or through an agent. Please tell us if you are simultaneously submitting your manuscript to other publishers.

Do not include illustrations unless you are a professional illustrator. If you are both a professional writer and illustrator, and you are submitting a story you have both written and plan to illustrate yourself, please include up to three sketches or a link to your online portfolio to show us your proposed illustration style for your book.

For this call for manuscripts, please do not write to a specific acquisitions editor. All submissions will be reviewed by the acquisitions team according to imprint.

Responses

You will receive an automated email response to let you know we received your submission. Due to the large number of expected manuscripts, we simply cannot personally respond to each submission. We anticipate it will take our acquisitions team a full two months to review all submissions following the close. We will notify you no later than December 16, 2013 if we are interested in publishing your book.

This call will close September 30, 2013. Our next call will be announced in 2014.
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