

Finding An Australian Children's Book Publisher

- One helpful website is CBCA - the Children's Book Council of Australia (<https://cbca.org.au/>). On their 'Authors and Illustrators' page, they have some good tips about submitting manuscripts, plus a list of four or five secular children's book publishers under 'Useful Links' eg Pan Macmillan, Penguin, ABC Books, Fremantle Press etc. A warning though – you have to check carefully whether these publishers will accept any unsolicited manuscripts and, if they do, whether you can approach them without a literary agent (someone who takes you on to represent you to various publishers and tries to find a publisher for you, then takes a percentage of your profits if you do get published).

Another helpful website is SCBWI – Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (www.scbwiaustralia.org).

- There are various books you can get like *The Australian Writers' Marketplace* (now also online – a great resource!), *The Writers' Guide* by Irina Dunne and *The Australian Publishers' Association Members' Directory* (also online) which list most of the publishers in Australia. Then you have to go through them painstakingly and see which will accept unsolicited children's book manuscripts, what sort of manuscripts they are looking for eg picture books, novels for a certain age group etc. No point in sending your book off to the wrong publisher! A few children's publishers I found, apart from the ones listed on the CBCA website, are:

Allen & Unwin (www.allenandunwin.com) – no unsolicited picture book texts

Black Dog Books (www.bdb.com.au)

HarperCollins Publishers (www.harpercollins.com.au) – must have an agent

Hodder Headline Australia (www.hha.com.au) – must have an agent

IP Publications – IP Kidz section (www.ipoz.biz)

Koala Books (www.koalabooks.com.au)

Lothian Books (www.lothian.com.au)

Mimosa Publications (email only – info@mimosapub.com.au)

Omnibus Books (imprint of Scholastic – www.scholastic.com.au)

Random House (www.randomhouse.com.au) – only through an agent

Roland Harvey Books – contact by phone (03) 9699 4440 or fax (03) 9696 5570. Unsolicited manuscripts considered.

Scholastic Pty Ltd (used to be Ashton Scholastic) (www.scholastic.com.au)

The Five Mile Press (www.fivemile.com.au) – picture books, no novels

Uni of Queensland Press (www.uqp.uq.edu.au). Phone first to discuss proposal.

Uni of Western Australia Press (www.uwapress.uwa.edu.au)

- Re Christian book publishers in Australia, here are the only two I currently know of that might consider a children's book:

Wombat Books (www.wombatbooks.com.au). This is a Christian publishing house in Brisbane owned by Rochelle Manners that produces 'family friendly' children's books

CEP (Christian Education Publishing)—see www.cepstore.com.au/

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