

Manuscript Project for Authors

How the contest works:

- ✓ Participating authors must live in Illinois, and the manuscript being submitted must be unpublished and in an adult fiction genre.
- ✓ Submissions must meet certain other criteria in order to be eligible. Please verify that your manuscript includes:
 - A Title Page with the following:
 - Title (Working)
 - Author Name
 - Word count number (entries must be no fewer than 50,000 and no more than 100,000 words)
 - A Synopsis on the title page (50 words or less)
 - An Author Bio also on the title page (100 words or less)
 - The Manuscript itself must be formatted as a single Word doc or PDF
 - 12 pt (Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman)
 - 1.5 line spacing
 - Multiple files not accepted.

Note: failure to meet criteria may result in disqualification for the entry.

Submissions will be accepted between November 1, 2020 and January 3, 2021 for the 2021 contest.

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Prizes

The winner chosen by Illinois librarian judges will receive these valuable prizes:

- Professional line editor who will work with you to polish your novel.
- Professionally designed cover.
- Self-publishing guidance from past STBF winners and committee members.
- Finished book automatically entered as semi-finalist status in the 2022 Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author Project contest.