



WORDPLAY: MINNEAPOLIS'S BOOK FESTIVAL 2018 BOOK SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Wordplay, a book party in the heart of Minneapolis, will take place on May 11th and 12th, 2019 in and around Open Book in Minneapolis. Imagine a weekend full of famous authors and celebrated books; a weekend of readings, conversations, workshops, kids' activities, demonstrations, and one-of-a-kind happenings. Wordplay will present approximately 100 authors whose books are published within the year the festival takes place. Authors will be from Minnesota and beyond.

Please read all of the following information before submitting a book to Steph Opitz for consideration for this year's book festival.

To be considered please send or have your publicist send the following:

- Copy of a finished book/galley/ARC/manuscript
- A cover letter
- Completed Wordplay Submission form (p 3-4)

Send to:

Steph Opitz
The Loft Literary Center
1011 Washington Ave South
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Incomplete submissions may be discarded. Wordplay will accept submissions of books between June 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018 for the 2019 festival. While we will consider books published up to 15 months prior to the start of the festival, priority will be given to books published within the festival year.

We expect a large number of submissions and are unable to respond to every submission individually or return materials sent for consideration. All authors who are invited to participate will be featured in a panel or solo session; Wordplay does not feature authors for book signings only.

Our goal is to provide an excellent and diverse mix of literature for all visitors and participating authors. **The festival will feature books in the following genres:**

- Fiction—including all genres such as thrillers, mystery, romance, science fiction, fantasy, and Westerns
- Narrative nonfiction—history, biography, memoir, and essays. Nonfiction books are considered from a variety of perspectives that encourage and engage in fair, respectful discussions of history, figures, and ideas.
- Graphic novels
- Cookbooks and food-related titles
- Poetry
- Children’s picture book, middle grade, and young adult literature
- Titles with a Minnesota focus and titles written by Minnesota authors

Wordplay focuses on the promotion of literature and Minnesota literary culture; we will NOT consider self-improvement, how-to, or strictly academic or religious books. We will not accept titles of any kind that exist solely in e-book format.

Self-published titles will only be considered if they meet the following criteria:

- Printed copies can be available for our bookseller to sell
- A professional has edited the work
- An established marketing plan has been made and is submitted with the title
- A functional author website exists

The consideration for self-published titles that meet the above criteria will be the same as traditionally published books, outlined above.

WORDPLAY 2018 BOOK SUBMISSION FORM

Please type or print legibly and keep a copy for your records. Incomplete entries may be discarded.

Date: _____

Submitted by: Author Publicist Other _____

Book title: _____

Author name: _____

ISBN: _____ Publication date: _____

Category:

Children's: Picture Book

Children's: Middle Grade

Children's: Young Adult

Fiction

Nonfiction: Biography

Nonfiction: Cookbook/Food Writing

Nonfiction: Essays

Nonfiction: General/Other

Nonfiction: Memoir

Poetry

Other _____

Publisher: _____

Author Email: _____

Author Phone: _____

Author Address: _____
Author Residence (City, St): _____
Author Website: _____
Publicist Name: _____
Publicist E-mail: _____
Publicist Phone: _____
Publicist Address: _____

Confirm your publisher supports your travel to Minneapolis and/or you are able to fund your own travel to Minneapolis if your publisher is not utilizing publicity budget money to send you to the festival:

Yes my travel is funded No

Submission Checklist:

- Finished book/galley/ARC/manuscript
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