

CHECKLIST FOR QUERYING PICTURE BOOKS

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Don't waste time querying an agent who's just going to say no, or worse, never get back to you at all. Use this handy check list to filter out agents who are not a good fit before you start to put together a query package. For more information about each item, visit www.writingcommunity.ca/checklist-for-querying-picture-books

- Yes No Does their agency accept unsolicited queries?
- Yes No Has their agency successfully represented picture books?
- Yes No Do any of the agents at the agency represent picture books?
- Yes No Is the agent open to submissions?
- Yes No Does the agent accept queries from only author/illustrators?
- Yes No Is the agent looking for picture book manuscripts of your topic or style?
- Yes No Is your manuscript a good fit for the agent's manuscript wish list?

If you answered yes to all but the last question, go ahead and query the agent. If you answered yes to all these questions, query the agent pronto! :-)