

Calidris Publishing Services provides assessments of all genres except children's books, speculative fiction/fantasy and poetry.

As the majority of publishers now only accept manuscripts submitted via a literary agent, it is our aim to provide authors with an assessment that will help them to develop the manuscript to a standard acceptable to agents or publishers.

Calidris Publishing Services is associated with *Calidris Literary Agency* and may offer representation to authors whose manuscripts are considered exceptional by the assessors.

The assessor's report will include:

- General comment on the genre, tone and structure of the work.
- Strengths and weaknesses – both from the literary and commercial aspects.
- Comments on spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Market potential.
- Checklist of what to include in a proposal to an agent or publisher.

Conditions

- Only complete manuscripts will be accepted for appraisal.
- The manuscript must be an original, unpublished work by an author over the age of 18.
- A one-page synopsis should be included
- The manuscript must be typed double-spaced on one side of the paper only.
- All pages should be numbered.
- A stamped, self-addressed envelope large enough to contain the manuscript must be included for the return of the work.
- The author's full contact details – receipt of submissions are acknowledged by email.
- Payment must accompany the submission.

The privacy of the author is paramount and no copies of the work will be retained after the report has been issued.

The assessors are independent, experienced editors and their identity will remain confidential.

Fees

Up to 80,000 words \$450.00

Up to 120,000 words \$550.00

An additional \$55.00 per 50,000 words thereafter. (All fees include GST).

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Application For Manuscript Appraisal

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Genre (e.g. fiction, biography)

Word count

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