

Query Letter Sample – Fiction

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Remind of connection	Dear Mx. Rose,
First book, word count, novel, title, market, story / summary	<p>I was greatly impressed by your recent Instagram Live presentation on how to better submit manuscripts for review. Thank you for answering my question during the session on the page-length that you prefer.</p> <p>Based on your advice, I am seeking representation for my 75,000-word literary novel, <i>The Last Gulfport Gallery</i>. In present day Gulfport, galleries have closed due to rising rent costs, so Sophie Anderson renames her gallery to The Last Gulfport Gallery, hoping to call attention to the great art the town was once known for. The novel is reminiscent of the love the characters find for a lone bookstore in <i>The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend</i> by Katarina Bivald.</p> <p>Sixty-year-old Sophie loves art—she grew up in Gulfport, once known to have the most art galleries in the state. Now, Sophie’s forlorn at all the loss of art culture, much less under intense pressure to keep the last art gallery in town open. Her ace of up her sleeve? Her family has owned the art gallery’s building for decades. Her challenge? Her husband’s bet on the stock market didn’t pan out, and he wants them to sell the building to a condo developer.</p> <p>At first, Sophie is against her husband’s plan—until she sees their bank account figures. Not only has her husband’s bet not panned out—they are also almost broke. Even her business account has been drained. Her husband admits to being addicted to gambling on stocks. Sophie is angry: Now, she might really have to sell her building and close the last Gulfport art gallery. In the end, a cute stranger rallies the town to save the gallery, and the council passes a new promise to fund the re-opening of art galleries to bring the town back to its arts roots. Sophie and her husband begin therapy to see if they may re-open their trust too—though the cute stranger remains in Sophie’s mind.</p>
Expertise	My MFA is from University of Tampa, where I studied under National Book Award-winner Dr. Booker Prize. I have also won a short fiction contest with the journal <i>Contests R Us</i> . Forthcoming fiction of mine is in <i>Women’s Anthology Today</i> and <i>Southern Journal Time</i> .
Sample requirement	Attached is the first chapter in PDF format. Thank you for your consideration and encouragement.
Online presence	<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Trina Michaels toddwe.com they/them</p>