

Query Letter Template

Dear [Agent/Editor],

I'm seeking representation for my [GENRE] manuscript, working title [TITLE]. It is completed at [XX] words and will appeal to fans of [AUTHOR WHO WRITES YOUR GENRE^{*}] and [OTHER AUTHOR WHO WRITES YOUR GENRE^{*}]. Recently, I came across your [MANUSCRIPT WISHLIST/SOCIAL MEDIA POST/ONLINE INTERVIEW/ETC.] where you said [WHATEVER THEY SAID]. My story is [INSERT SOMETHING THAT FITS WHAT THEY SAID].

[INSERT BLURB]

[STATE WRITING CREDENTIALS or WRITING ACTIVITIES or DOMAIN EXPERT THAT SHOWS YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE WRITING ABOUT[!]]

Shall I send you [TITLE]? I look forward to hearing from you.

[NAME] [EMAIL] [PHONE NUMBER]

*Choose authors who are midlist to famous that very snuggly fit your writing style and genre. Agents and editors get thousands of letters from people claming their story appeals to John Grisham and JK Rowling. Show that you've done research by picking comparable authors who perfectly fit your story.

¹For example, if you're story takes place in a hospital and you work in that industry. Or, if it has to do with the outdoors and you are an avid backpacker.