Canadian Literary Agents

Literary agents represent your work to publishers. They have established relationships with editors within publishing houses and can find the best fit for your work. They also look after negotiations with contract details and can provide representation if any part of your book is illegally reproduced.

Reputable agents will be up to date on current publishing trends and can give authors expert advice on market changes and shifting trends. They are selective about who they will represent, and it can be helpful for an author to be referred by people who are involved in the publishing industry.

Typically, agents only accept a few clients in each year. When approaching agents, it is important to be well prepared by researching their interests, previous clients, and the kind of authors they want to represent. Always be respectful, and accept their feedback — and, yes, even their rejection — with grace. They are professionals and should always be treated as such.

Please note that author representation does not fall under the mandate of the Canadian Authors Association, and we do not refer prospective writers to literary agents.

Also note that this is not a complete list of Canadian agents, nor can we guarantee that the information is up to date. As is the case for all industries, things change and your best bet is to thoroughly review the website of each agent you wish to approach.

**Literary Agents by Province**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Carolyn Swayze Literary Agency**
Carolyn Swayze, Principal Agent
D. Barry Jones, Associate Agent
Kris Rothstein, Associate Agent
reception@swayzeagency.com
www.swayzeagency.com

Interests: Literary and commercial adult fiction, book length non-fiction (including biography, history, science writing, travel, humour and cookbooks), young adult novels. No science fiction, fantasy, romance, poetry, or screenplays.


**Seventh Avenue Literary Agency Ltd.**
16708-20th Avenue
Surrey BC V3Z 9R4
Tel: 604-538-7252
rmackwood@seventhavenuelit.com
www.seventhavenuelit.com

Interests: Nonfiction only.

ONTARIO

**Acacia House Publishing Services Ltd.**
51 Chestnut Ave.
Brantford ON N3T 4C3
Bill Hanna, Managing Director
Kathy Olenski Associate Agent
Tel: 519-752-0978
bhanna.acacia@rogers.com

Interests: Literary fiction (first novels, quality mysteries), commercial fiction; nonfiction (biographies, business, military, history, psychology, entertainment, memoirs, nature, spirituality belles letters).

Submission Guidelines: Submit query by email.

**CookeMcDermid Literary Management**
Dean Cooke, Proprietor and Literary Agent
Sally Harding, Proprietor and Literary Agent
Chris Bucci, Proprietor and Literary Agent
Martha Webb, Proprietor and Literary Agent
Anne McDermid, Literary Agent
Suzanne Brandreth, Literary Agent
Ron Eckel, Literary Agent
Rachel Letofsky, Literary Agent
Paige Sisley, Associate Literary Agent
Tel: 647-788-4010
admin@cookemcdermid.com
www.cookemcdermid.com

Interests: Literary and commercial fiction and nonfiction.

Submission Guidelines: Submissions should be made via the website's SUBMISSIONS tab. https://cookemcdermid.com/submissionsform

**Aurora Artists**
19 Wroxeter Avenue
Toronto ON M4K 1J5
Janine S. Cheeseman, Principal Agent
Tracy Essex-Simpson, Associate Agent
Tel: 416-463-4634
Fax: 416-463-4889
aurora.artists@sympatico.ca

Interests: Film and TV.

Submission Guidelines: Submit query by email.

**Beverley Slopen Literary Agency**
131 Bloor Street West, Suite 711
Toronto ON M5S 1S3
Beverly Slopen, Principal Agent
Tel: 416-964-9598
Fax: 416-921-7726

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**baverley@slopenagency.ca**  
**www.slopenagency.ca**

Interests: Fiction and nonfiction. Rarely handles illustrated or children's manuscripts or genre fiction (fantasy, horror, romance). No poetry.

Submission Guidelines: Doesn’t take on many new authors. New clients are usually by referral or approached by the agency. To submit a work for consideration email a short query letter and a few sample pages. Submit only one work at a time. Does not accept hard copy submissions.

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**The Helen Heller Agency**  
253 Eglinton Avenue West, Suite 202  
Toronto ON M4R 1B1  
Helen Heller  
Sarah Heller  
Barbara Berson  
Tel: 416-489-0396  
**info@thehelenhelleragency.com**  
**www.thehelenhelleragency.com**

Interests: Literary fiction, historical, domestic, and contemporary novels, kidlit, YA, narrative non-fiction. Specializes in establishing new authors. Does not represent screenplays, cookbooks or picture books.

Submission Guidelines: Email the agent you feel would be most suitable with a brief introduction of yourself and synopsis of your book. Samples can be included, but no more than three chapters. Submissions sent by post will not be returned.

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**i2i Art Inc.**  
187 St. Johns Road  
Toronto ON M6P 1V3  
Tel: 416-505-9522  
**info@i2iart.com**  
**www.i2iart.com**

Interests: Representation for illustrators working for the publishing industry.

Submission Guidelines: Submit query by email to **submissions@i2iart.com**.

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**Kelly Consulting Agency**  
Toronto ON  
Lloyd Kelly, Literary Agent and Publishing Consultant  
**Lloyd@KellyConsultingAgency.com**  
**www.kellyconsultingagency.com**

Interests: Adult and children's titles, including current affairs, social responsibilities, justice, health, wealth, wisdom, environmental issues, humour, biography, pop culture, relationships, spirituality, and select fiction that would be considered thematically important and universally relevant.

Submission Guidelines: Email an outline (1-2 page synopsis) of your manuscript and a few sample chapters.

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**Rick Broadhead & Associates**  
501-47 St. Clair Avenue West  
Toronto ON M4V 3A5  
Rick Broadhead, President  
(416) 929-0516 (Tel)  
submissions@rbaliterary.com  
www.rbaliterary.com

Interests: Represents leading journalists, storytellers, politicians, business executives, nutritionists, culinary authorities, historians, scholars, physicians, athletes, television and radio personalities, social media influencers, subject experts, trendsetters, and icons of popular culture, and place their book projects with major publishers in the United States, Canada, and worldwide.

Submission Guidelines: Submit query by email to submissions@rbaliterary.com.

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**The Bukowski Agency**  
14 Prince Arthur Avenue, Suite 202  
Toronto ON M5R 1A9  
Tel: 416-928-6728  
Fax: 416-963-9978  
assistant@thebukowskiagency.com  
www.bukowskiagency.com

Interests: International literary agents in all media to authors of adult literary fiction and upmarket nonfiction as well as commercial fiction and nonfiction. Does not handle genre fiction, poetry, children’s literature, picture books, film scripts or television scripts.

Submission Guidelines: Currently accepting fiction and non-fiction submissions by mail only.

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**The Pamela Paul Agency Inc.**  
1990 Bloor Street West, Suite 612  
Toronto ON M6P 0B6  
Pamela Paul, Agent  
Tel: 416-410-5395  
agency@interlog.com

*Note: Not accepting new clients at this time.*

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**The Rights Factory**  
Box 499, Stn C  
Toronto ON M6J 3P6  
Sam Hiyate, Agent Provocateur  
Stacey Kondla, Literary Agent  
Cassandra Rodgers, Literary Agent  
Haskell Nussbaum, Associate Agent  
Cecilia Lyra, Assistant Agent  
Ali McDonald, Agent, Kidlit  
Natalie Kimber, Literary Agent  
Olga Filina, Associate Agent  
Lindsay Leggett, Associate Agent  
Emmy Nordstrom-Higdon, Assistant Agent

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www.therightsfactory.com

Interests: Primarily interested in quality nonfiction and literary and commercial fiction and YA.

Transatlantic Agency
2 Bloor Street East, Suite 3500
Toronto ON M4W 1A8
Tel: 416-488-9214
Fax: 416-929-3174
info@transatlanticagency.com
https://www.transatlanticagency.com

Interests: Children's and adult literature.

Westwood Creative Artists
386 Huron Street
Toronto ON M5S 2G6
Chris Casuccio, Literary Agent
Jackie Kaiser, President/COO
Michael Levine, Chairman
Hilary McMahon, Executive Vice President
John Pearce, Literary Agent
Bruce Westwood, Founder/Managing Director/CEO
Tel: 416-964-3302
Fax: 416-975-9209
wca_office@wcaltd.com
http://www.wcaltd.com

Interests: Representation for fiction, nonfiction, film and TV. Does not represent screenwriters, playwrights or poets. Almost exclusively represents authors residing in Canada.
Submission Guidelines: Submit query by email to wca_office@wcaltd.com.

QUEBEC

Robert Lecker Agency
4055 Melrose Avenue
Montreal QC H4A 2S5
Robert Lecker, Agent
Tel: 514-830-4818
robert.lecker@gmail.com
www.leckeragency.com

Interests: Specializes in books about entertainment, music, popular culture, popular science, intellectual and cultural history, food and travel. Also receptive to books written by academics that can attract a broad range of readers.
Submission Guidelines: Submit query by email.