

Children's Chapter Book Submissions

Blake Education is ready to release some more of our best-selling chapter books. We will be releasing three new sets of Sparklers and three new sets of Gigglers.



Our experience with our previous series of Sparklers and Gigglers has been so wonderful that we will be releasing more titles at the levels below.

All stories should have the following text features:

- * varied sentence patterns and extended descriptions
- * some unusual vocabulary
- * developed stories with a series of events or episodes
- * text that results in varied illustrations

Sparklers

Sparklers are high interest, well written and often quirky stories of real people in unusual situations. The characters feel real and we consider that a very important part of their appeal. Kids relate to them, enjoy the story and want to read more.

We will be releasing another set of Sparklers Red, Blue and Green and are looking for stories that fit the brief of what a Sparkler should be. Below are the specifications for each set.

Sparklers Red, Word count 500 – 800 (Level 15 – 18, Reading age 6.5+yrs)

Sparklers Blue, Word count 800 – 1200 (Level 18 – 24, Reading age 7+yrs)

Sparklers Green, Word count 1200 – 1500 (Level 24 – 28, Reading age 7.5+yrs)

View the Sparklers series at:

<http://www.blake.com.au/Sparklers-s/751.htm>

Gigglers

Gigglers are humorous stories that motivate even the most reluctant reader. Gigglers have full-colour illustrations which bring these funny stories to life. Gigglers situations can be realistic or fantasy, although stories should still maintain some links to familiar situations.

We are looking for submissions that fit the following criteria:

Gigglers Red, Word count 500 – 800 (Level 15 – 18, Reading age 6.5+yrs)

Gigglers Blue, Word count 800 – 1200 (Level 18 – 24, Reading age 7+yrs)

Gigglers Green, Word count 1200 – 1500 (Level 24 – 28, Reading age 7.5+yrs)

View the Gigglers series at:

<http://www.blake.com.au/category-s/127.htm>

You can email manuscripts (as attachments) to:

amanda@blake.com.au

or mail

Attn: Amanda Santamaria

Level 2, 655 Parramatta Rd

Leichhardt NSW 2040

Submissions close 30th January 2009.

If you have previously submitted for the Gigglers Gold please note that we have these submissions. The Gigglers Gold will happen at a later date and we do thank you for your patience. If your story is picked up by another publisher please let me know.

Kind regards,

Amanda

Blake Publishing - Literacy

amanda@blake.com.au