

Fantasy Magazine

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Fiction Editor's name: Cat Rambo

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Pay rate: 5 cents per word—Web site did not specify when payment would be issued.

Word Count range: 1000-6000

Reading periods? Open.

Open to subs now? Yes.

Editorial Address: They no longer accept postal submissions--only online submissions (this means no e-mail submissions either!!). The address listed in the print magazine is: Fantasy Magazine, 9710 Traville Gateway Drive #234, Rockville MD 20850.

Editorial Email: fantasysubmissions@gmail.com. There is a submissions link on the Web site.

Genres accepted: Fiction and non-fiction (reviews, essays, etc.) Their website says that they accept all forms of fantasy fiction.

Genres not accepted They specifically say that they do not want erotica or sexual fantasies, but they will accept some sexual content.

Themed issues? Online it doesn't seem like there really are set themes to what they put up, however in the print issue I read, they specifically say "You will notice a distinct death and loss theme to the issue."

Likes: They like pretty much all sorts of fantasy fiction. They do have more dark- than light-hearted fiction so they are encouraging more of that. They also want something that will be remembered and get people thinking about what it means to be human.

Dislikes: They DO NOT want cookie-cutter stories, fan-fiction, or retelling of D&D campaigns.

Taboos: Extreme sexual content seems to be the main thing that they are trying to avoid.

Accept adult themes? Yes.

Accept sex? SOME sexual content.

Accept violence? Yes.

Accept adult language? Yes.

Accept E-subs? Yes.

Accept Multiple subs? No.

Accept Simultaneous subs? No.

Accept Reprints? Only if they were published in a very obscure market, but they need you to give them information on it before sending.

What rights? Exclusive first world electronic rights for 60 days from publication, and non-exclusive anthology rights

General tone and personality: They seem really friendly and like they are really looking for emerging writers to submit their work. They encourage people to send more sometimes if they don't get published with their original submission.

Response time claimed: 72 hours or less.

Response time reported by authors: According to Duotrope.com, it can take as little as a few hours, or at longest 429 days. Their average length of time though was about 14 days. Ralan reports 7 days.

Publishing schedule: Weekly for their Web zine, however they do have monthly publications (at least they have an archive of older posts which are monthly).

Format: E-zine.

Requires bio with sub? No.

Welcome emerging writers or mainly big names? It seems like they'll accept anyone if they find their work to be suitable.

Other comments: Overall I think that this is a market I would really want to submit to. They seem like they are encouraging and I think it's really cool that they pay on a professional level even though not everyone submitting things is an established author.

Short analysis of the stories in the sample issue:

Sub-genre- Most of them could have fallen a little bit into the horror genre, in the regards that horror writing can include anything that someone could find horrifying (not necessarily scary).

Tone- The overall tone seemed light. There was a seriousness to some of the stories, but they were written in a way that wouldn't make a person cry.

POV- Almost all of the stories were 3rd person, however, there were a couple that were in first person.

Length- 4-8 pages.

Content- A lot of death stories, darker content, and some reviews.

Motifs- Death.

Movie rating: (YA, PG, R, NC-17) YA

Fantasy Magazine stopped producing print magazines in 2007. That was when they raised their pay-rate to 3 cents per word, but obviously pay-rates will change over the course of a couple years. There is still a print anthology, however. The Web site is www.darkfantasy.org/fantasy.