

Deinonychus Editions Submission Criteria

1. Editorial Focus: Literary Speculative Fiction

Deinonychus Editions seeks works that blend the imaginative scope of speculative genres with the depth of literary fiction. We are seeking stories that are not only engaging but also **challenging, ambiguous, and profoundly human.**

- **Genres Accepted:** Horror, Science Fiction, Fantasy, Weird Fiction, and Mythic Fiction.
 - **Thematic Core:** We are open to **all themes** within these genres, provided they demonstrate **psychological depth** and **literary ambiguity**.
 - **Required Quality:** Work **must combine adventure, wonder, or dread** with **psychological depth and literary ambiguity**.
 - **Goal:** To publish genre fiction that resonates with the quiet terror and beauty of existence, offering both thrilling action and profound introspection.
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2. Submission Status & Formats

- **Status:** Currently Open for Submissions.
 - **Accepted Formats:** Novels, Novellas, Short Story Collections, Art Books, Graphic Novels, and Non-Fiction Essays (see guidelines below).
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3. Submission Requirements by Format

Format	Required Materials	Concept/Structure
Novel (or Novella)	1. First 3 Chapters of the manuscript. 2. A Synopsis of the entire novel (1–2 pages, including the ending).	The work must be complete and proofread. Novel word count: 50,000–100,000+ words. Novella word count: 20,000–40,000 words (approx.).

Short Story Collection	1. 3 Sample Stories from the collection. 2. A Concept Document for the collection.	The Concept Document should detail: The total number of stories . The overall theme or organizing principle that connects the collection. A brief synopsis for each story.
Art Book / Graphic Novel	1. 3 Sample Works (or representative portfolio samples). 2. A Concept Document for the project.	The Concept Document should detail: The theme, style, and subject matter of the book. The planned size, format, and estimated page/art count . The intended audience.

4. Non-Fiction Essay Submission

We will consider Creative Non-Fiction (CNF) essay collections that align with our focus on **literary quality and existential themes**, especially those that explore the philosophy, mythology, or psychology underpinning speculative concepts.

Submission Element	Requirement for Essay Collection
Sample Material	3 Sample Essays (Your best, most representative pieces).
Concept Document	A document detailing: The total number of essays in the collection. The overarching thesis or thematic link connecting the essays. A brief synopsis/summary for each essay.
Quality	Must possess a strong literary voice and psychological depth .

5. General Submission Guidelines

- **Method & Files:** Email submission is accepted. Send materials as **attachments** (preferred formats: **.doc, .docx, or .pdf**).
- **Formatting:** All text submissions must adhere to **Standard Manuscript Formatting** (12-point, clear font like Times New Roman or Courier; double-spaced text; consistent indentation; numbered pages).
- **Cover Letter:** A professional cover letter is required and must include:
 - Your full name and contact information.
 - The **title and exact word count** (or estimated page/art count) of the project.
 - A **brief, compelling pitch** (or logline) for the work.
 - A short **author/artist bio** (including relevant publishing or exhibition credits).