

Secure Communication & Fraud Prevention Guide

Martin Literary Management is committed to protecting authors from publishing industry scams. Martin Literary Management has received reports that individuals are impersonating our agents and staff, targeting authors with false representation offers and fraudulent services. Their emails sometimes include letters purporting to bear Martin Literary Management's logos, imprint names, and staff signatures. These scammers request that authors pay them or provide sensitive financial information in exchange for literary representation, editorial services, or other publishing-related assistance.

These communications are fraudulent. They do not come from Martin Literary Management and are not associated with our agency processes.

Please protect yourself:

- Martin Literary Management does **not ask** prospective clients for payment or financial details from authors during submission.
- Martin Literary Management does **not partner** with third-party companies that provide editorial or marketing services to unpublished or self-published authors. We will never suggest you pay us/a service to work on your book as a condition/pre-condition for representation.
- Martin Literary Management does **not guarantee** publication or specific publisher placements.

If you suspect that a communication claiming a connection with Martin Literary Management is fraudulent, **you can always report it to The Authors Guild.**

For more info see: <https://authorsguild.org/resource/avoiding-publishing-scams>

Authentic communications from Martin Literary Management come only from:

- @martinlit.com
- @martinliterarymanagement.com

Any email from other addresses—including but not limited to free email services like Gmail, Hotmail, or Yahoo—is not from us, regardless of what the sender claims.

How to Submit your Query Safely

At Martin Literary Management, we keep an up-to-date list of our agents and their submission preferences on our website: martinlit.com. Many of our agents accept queries through QueryTracker, where you can also review their detailed submission guidelines.

Do not submit manuscripts or personal information through any other method.

Social Media and Unsolicited Contact

Martin Literary Management agents do not contact authors through personal social media accounts, direct messages, or unsolicited communications. If you receive a message claiming to be from one of our agents through social media, assume it is not from us. Always verify through martinlit.com before responding to any unsolicited contact.

If You Receive a Suspicious Email

- Do not engage with the email, click on any links, or respond to requests for payment or personal information
- Verify directly by visiting martinlit.com and checking the agent's profile
- Report the suspicious email to your email provider

If you have provided your bank details or lost money, contact your financial institution immediately.

Report the matter to your local law enforcement agency or the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov.

Our Commitment

Martin Literary Management is committed to operating with integrity and protecting our authors from fraud. Many of our agents are members of the [Association of American Literary Agents \(AALA\)](#) and adhere to AALA best practices.