

Mentoring for Picture Book Writers:

Fiction and Nonfiction

This 3-12 month experience is for intermediate level picture book writers who want to hone their craft, deepen their process and increase their body of work while learning how to create a thriving career as a children's book author.

Each of your mentoring sessions will have two parts: a lesson and a critique. We'll meet each month in person, or by Zoom to study the craft of picture book writing and to discuss your manuscripts and writing process.

Your lessons will be customized to whatever you need to learn to move towards your **yes**, whether that's how to tackle research, leave room for an illustrator, create a storyboard, increase read-a-loud-ability, or deepen heart and humor to make the ultimate reader connection. Personalized lists of picture books to read and analyze to further your development as a writer will be provided.

Prior to our meetings, I'll send over a written critique of 2-3 picture book manuscripts. I'll also provide ongoing support during the revision process. Meetings are held by phone, or Zoom.

WE WILL

- Dive deep into craft.
- Move your writing outside of your comfort zone.
- Explore and strengthen your writing practice.
- Work productively with agents' and editors' feedback.
- Delve into the business side of being a writer.
- Complete a polished draft of your manuscript.
- Revise, reenvision, and prepare your work for its ultimate **yes!**

EACH PACKET REVIEW INCLUDES

- An in-depth editorial response letter detailing strengths, areas for improvement, and revision suggestions.
- A 20-minute revision call to answer your questions and create customized craft and revision assignments.
- An evaluation of your previous craft and revision assignments.
- A customized picture book reading list.

INVESTMENT

3 month, 6 month, 9 month and year long mentorships are available. For a consultation with Bethany, followed by proposed fees, please email bahegedus@gmail.com.

Mentoring for Novelists

Are you ready to get your middle grade or young adult novel out into the world? Over 6-9 months you'll ready your manuscript for submission and improve your writing through skill-building exercises and critique. We'll focus on character desire, overall pacing, internal and external character arcs, and more. Before our first mentoring session, I'll send a critique of your work-in-progress so that I can answer any questions you might have about my comments and edits.

In future meetings we'll discuss my critique of your revisions. Between each session you'll receive assignments to strengthen your writing such exercises on character development, world-building/setting, chapter flow, and overall novel structure.

Your last mentoring session will include a full read and critique of your work in progress. A personalized list of novels to read and analyze to further your development will be provided.

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SUBSEQUENT PACKET REVIEWS INCLUDE

- Read of 40-80 revised pages.
- In-depth editorial response letter detailing strengths, areas for improvement, and revision suggestions.
- 30-minute revision call to answer your questions and create customized craft and revision assignments.
- Evaluation of your previous craft and revision assignments.
- Custom reading list.

FINAL PACKET REVIEW AND SUBMISSION PREP INCLUDE

- Full read of manuscript.
- In-depth editorial response letter detailing areas for improvement and revision suggestions.
- Submissions list recommendations.
- Query letter feedback and edits.

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