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Calidris provides assessments of all genres except children's books, science-fiction and poetry.

As the majority of publishers now only accept manuscripts submitted via a literary agent, it is our aim to provide authors with an assessment that will help them to develop the manuscript to a professional standard acceptable to an agent or publisher.

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The assessor's report will include:

- General comment on the genre, tone and structure of the work.
- Strengths and weaknesses – both from the literary and commercial aspect.
- Comments on spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Market potential.
- Checklist of what to include in a proposal to an agent or publisher.

Conditions

- The manuscript must be an original, unpublished work by an author over the age of 18.
- A one-page synopsis should be included with the manuscript as well as the author's relevant biographical details.
- The manuscript must be typed double-spaced on one side of the paper only.
- Manuscript pages should be numbered.
- A stamped, self-addressed envelope large enough to contain the manuscript must be included for the return of the work.
- Payment must accompany the submission.
- The privacy of the author is paramount and no copies of the work will be retained after the report has been issued.
- The assessors are independent, experienced editors and their identity will remain confidential.

Fees

Up to 80,000 words \$450.00

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