

Dear...

I am writing to seek representation for my first novel, *Poppylion And The Cloud People*, a 60,000-word middle grade, fantasy fiction novel set in modern-day England.

The book opens on 12-year-old Poppy, who is struggling with the move up to secondary school and the changes it has wrought on her and her friends. She is also filled with concern for her father; why has he stopped coming home? And why won't her mother talk about it?

Poppy's life changes again when she and her brother are sent to their grandparents' canal boat for the summer. There they meet the cloud people, a race of beings who live in the sky and control the weather and the elements. They introduce Poppy and her brother to a world of magic, friendship, adventure and knowledge. But not all clouders are friendly. Some of them disapprove of humans, and some will do anything to keep her out of their world.

I am particularly excited about writing for the middle-grade age group because I believe that much of my love for reading and creative writing stems from the stories that I read at that age. I am now in my mid-thirties and work as a freelance content and travel writer. I work on creative writing projects in my spare time and have achieved some success with writing competitions and short stories.

I have been working on this manuscript for a while with the help of writing courses, groups and classes, and am excited to have a draft that is finally ready for submission. I am, of course, open to feedback and willing to make any necessary changes. This is the first novel in what I hope to be a long-running series, and I am currently working on the second book.

I hope you find this material of interest, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Anita