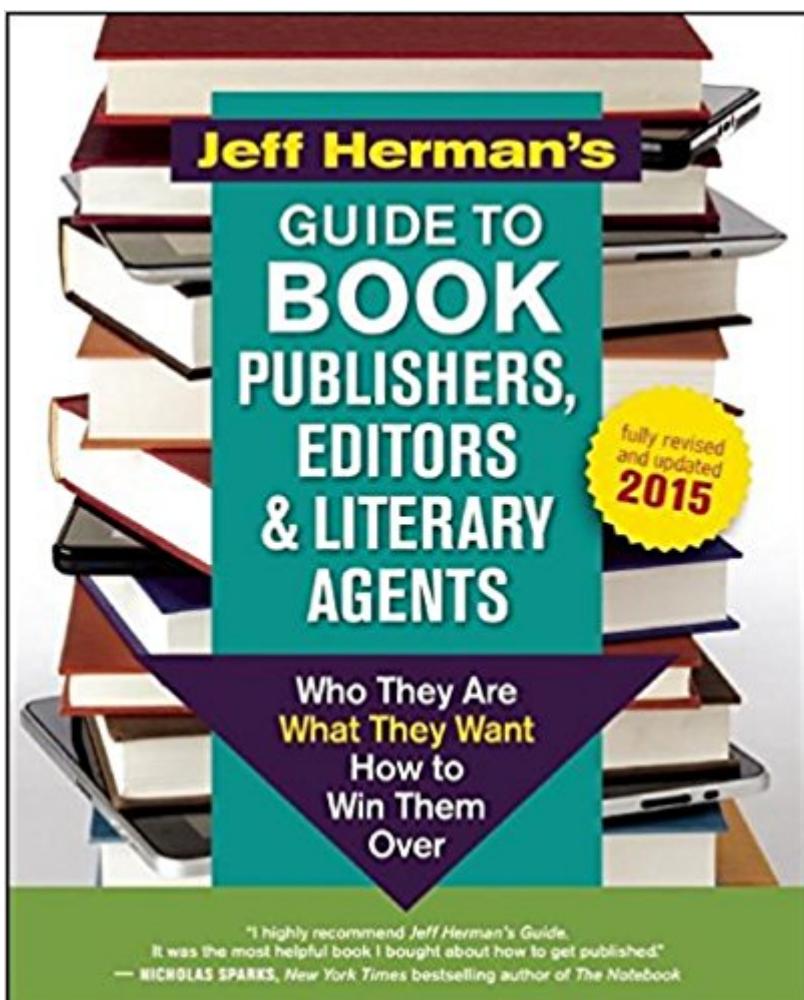


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# Jeff Herman's Guide To Book Publishers, Editors And Literary Agents: Who They Are, What They Want, How To Win Them Over



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it also provides personal information, hobbies and recent book sales on the aforementioned parties. I appreciated the depth of the research involved in this endeavor. After two years of desperately searching for an agent, I thought I'd harassed every one - but this book showed me that I had not yet exhausted all the possibilities. In addition to background information on publishing houses, this book provides the following:<sup>\*</sup> Instructions on how to approach/write/query/contact agents and editors<sup>\*</sup> A sample contract between an author and an agency<sup>\*</sup> The publishing process and how a book ends up - well, published<sup>\*</sup> A day in the life of a literary agent<sup>\*</sup> Advice for dealing with editors and agents<sup>\*</sup> Definitions of book genres and the future of publishing<sup>\*</sup> How to market yourself as a writer<sup>\*</sup> A list of writing groups/critique groups to help refine your manuscript<sup>\*</sup> Information on self-publishing and e-publishing<sup>\*</sup> A detailed list of websites and other resources for writers This book truly exceeded my expectations. I gained invaluable knowledge about writing and the publishing business in general that I believe has made me a better writer. In fact, I'm thinking of contacting Jeff and telling him to republish it with a different title - The Writer's Bible. Once you read it, you may just agree with me.

I liked this book because it made Publishers and Agents seem like real humans. As a writer, it's sometimes difficult to see them other than someone, somewhere behind a desk that doesn't like me and doesn't want to see what I've written. At least, Herman made me feel like they are people and they may in some far distant land like something I've written.

I should have paid more attention to the reviews and checked out a copy in the library first. If you are looking for agents that deal with a certain type of writing or fiction genre, you're going to have to look elsewhere to figure that out; otherwise you will have to read the bulk of this over-1000-page book to figure that out. There are online sources, but you typically only get a few agents per page, and you have to write down (or copy/paste) the names to make a list, then go back to the book index to see if the name is there--not all of them will be. I think this book will be a good source for information concerning those few agent names that I zero-in on, but it won't help me find those names, and most other references advise against going directly to publishers unless you have compelling reasons to do that. After that, it will make a good door stop.

This book has everything. What agents are looking for (from the agents themselves), their addresses and phone numbers, whether they accept email submissions/queries, which agents handle which genres, other books represented by said agents, etc. (The rest is true of publishers,

but I spent most of my time researching literary agencies.) The agents and publishers reveal not only what they're looking for in submitted work, but also in the writers they hope to represent. Small interviews with the agents and publishers, if read, will greatly increase your chances of finding an agency (or publishing house) willing to look at your work. I'm not sure when I'll next be looking for an agent or a publisher, but when I do, if my version is outdated I'll be buying the new one. Homefront

If you plan to write your first book, you better read this book early on. Writing is one thing. Getting published is a whole different challenge. This book will give you exactly what you need to know to take that step. The rest is up to you.

Jeff Herman's book is invaluable for anyone who is writing a book or wants to. He covers everything you need to know and that will put you in the know when it comes time to find an editor and an agent, plus what the publishing scene is really all about these days. It isn't like it used to be! Definitely recommend.

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