



FOR **PITY** SAKE PUBLISHING

we're for writers

A Guide for Manuscript Appraisers

Thank you for your interest in becoming a For Pity Sake Publishing Manuscript Appraiser. Here are some guidelines that will give you an idea of what this entails.

What's it all about?

For Pity **Sake**'s Manuscript Appraisal Service offers writers an affordable opportunity to have their manuscripts reviewed by a real reader, someone who's expressed interest in the genre of the work. That's where you come in.

A For **Pity** Sake appraiser is a discerning reader who is able to review a manuscript and provide considered (and considerate) feedback and recommendations for improvement. There's no requirement for you to be an editing or publishing aficionado. We're looking to recruit 'real' readers who can articulate what they think about a manuscript and offer practical suggestions as to how the work might be made more appealing to the writer's desired audience.

And unlike other reader review websites, if you become a For **Pity** Sake appraiser, you will be paid AUD .50 cents per manuscript page to write a short recommendation report for the author.

Here's how it works

1. An author submits a manuscript that meets For **Pity** Sake's requirements which are - a manuscript in its entirety in A4 page format, 1.5 line spacing, .pdf file and an author-specified genre (for example, young adult, murder mystery, historical fiction, memoir and so on).

2. For Pity Sake then puts out a call to appraisers listed on our database who have said they are interested in the specified genre of the work.
3. It's a first in best-dressed system. If you, the appraiser, is willing and able to read the entire manuscript and produce a report in a two-week timeframe, you get the gig. Unless the manuscript that's been submitted is enormous, For Pity Sake undertakes to return reviews to the author within a month of submission. That's why we need a two-week turnaround from our reviewers in order to make good on our promise.
4. Once assigned, For Pity Sake provides you with a template for your report and guidelines on how to complete it, as per below:

Word count for appraisal notes

Your appraisal notes should be no less than 500 words and no more than 2,000 words. When you've completed your review please send it in a .doc format to your contact at For Pity Sake.

The tone of your appraisal

Please post only constructive comments and nothing that is malicious, defamatory, offensive, racist, sexist or otherwise, in For Pity Sake's reasonable opinion, objectionable or likely to be contrary to law. For Pity Sake reserves the right to edit your comments prior to making them available to the manuscript author.

Reading the entire manuscript

Reading a manuscript, even from an experienced author, is not like reading a book that has gone through the editing process. It may be difficult or not as engaging as you expected. However, if you have agreed to appraise the manuscript you must read it in its entirety.

Timeframes

Your appraisal recommendations must be emailed to your For Pity Sake contact within 14 days of receiving a manuscript

for review. If you are experiencing difficulties in reviewing the work within this timeframe, please let For Pity Sake know immediately so that other arrangements can be made and the author is not disappointed.

Confidentiality

This is the watchword of For Pity Sake Manuscript Appraisers. You must agree to never to share, reproduce, forward, change or publicise all or any part of the works appraised and to keep all information confidential (including any ideas or information in the manuscript that may reasonably be regarded as confidential).

Payment

As mentioned earlier, For Pity Sake pays its appraisers AUD .50cents per A4 page of the manuscript, excluding GST. So if the manuscript is 250 pages you will receive \$125 dollars for your review and recommendations, once they are completed.

Thank you again for expressing interest in being a For Pity Sake Publishing Manuscript Appraiser. If you'd like to formally sign up please contact us via email info@forpity sake.com.au or call 0478 099 076.

