

Sample Cover Letter

This is the exact cover letter I used for my story that was published in Cricket Magazine. Since then my list of credits has been updated, and I don't list contact info because this was through Submittable.

Hello,

Please consider my short story, 'The Dive,' for publication in Cricket. It's a contemporary story about scuba diving and is complete at 1790 words.

It's Marah's first open water dive, and she and her class are set to explore a coral reef. But when she and her friend Brock get separated from the group, Brock ends up in a dangerous situation, and it's up to Marah to save him. Drawing on my own personal experience with scuba diving, I believe 'The Dive' would be a good fit for your 'Tales of the Sea' call and would appeal to Cricket readers.

I'm a writer, teacher, and member of the SCBWI. My work for children has been published by Smarty Pants Magazine and East of the Web and was recently accepted at Frostfire Worlds and Unlocked. You can find out more about me at www.cathrynfree.com.

Thank you very much! I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Free

Use a simple greeting.

Story stats: include word count, title and basic info.

Brief summary and "selling" point. Give a taste of the story and explain why it meets their needs.

Relevant bio information and previous publishing credits

Closing and signature. You would also include any contact information here.