

AQUILA AUTHOR'S GUIDELINES

AQUILA has a team of regular contributors who are experts in various subject areas. Occasionally unsolicited articles are published if they are highly original and based on specialised knowledge.

Articles and stories are planned up to a year in advance. A selection of fiction is made each summer, the themes for the coming year are posted on the website in September, and most non-fiction commissioned by the end of November for the following year.

The magazine has a readership of some 40,000 children between 8 and 13 years, the majority being in the 9-12 range. The content of the magazine is designed to appeal to bright children.

GENERAL

- a) We would prefer stories and features that have not previously been published or available in Great Britain.
- b) The story or feature to be of interest to both girls and boys between 9 and 12 years.
- c) The manuscript to be type-written with double spacing on one side of A4. We do not accept unsolicited material by email.
- d) If you would like us to return your manuscript, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. We cannot return material overseas, so please do not send an international reply coupon.
- e) If you would like to receive a copy of AQUILA Magazine, please send a cheque for £5.00, made payable to AQUILA, with your request, to AQUILA, PO Box 2518, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 2BR.
- f) Published stories or articles may be used on our website or in promotional material.

AQUILA - brief for story or serial

- a) The story should be between 1000 and 1150 words (to fill one double page spread).
- b) We also publish some two or three part stories, each instalment to be not more than 1150 words and not less than 1050 words.
- c) Each instalment to be a satisfying read in its own right but with an ending that tempts the reader to want to return for the next part.
- d) A synopsis is required for approval, approximately four months prior to the agreed publication date, the first instalment to be with the editor two months prior to publication, and the remaining instalments monthly after that.
- e) We offer a fee of £90 for a short story or £80 per episode for a serial, payable on publication.
- f) Any illustrations to be commissioned by AQUILA.

AQUILA - brief for feature

- a) The feature should be between 600 and 800 words (depending on how much space is required for diagrams, illustrations, etc.)
- b) Please contact the editor of AQUILA to discuss ideas. A feature is only likely to be of interest if it is highly original in presentation and content and uses specialist or inside knowledge. General topics, seasonal items, etc, are already well covered in the magazine.
- c) Please supply good picture references where possible, artwork and photographs to be commissioned by AQUILA editors.
- d) If a feature is accepted, a fee of £50 - £75 will be payable on publication, depending on how much illustration is needed.