

Submission Guidelines – Kuma2.net Stories

Thanks for your interest in submitting poetry or stories to Kuma. Before sending in your submission, please read & follow all of these steps. It will make reading your submissions easier for us.

On Kuma2.net, stories appear in the main Literature section and OtherWords.

Subject Matter

- We are mainly looking for erotic/romantic/relationship oriented fiction stories featuring lesbians of color (Black, Latina, Asian, etc)
- We also accept stories from other genres (mysteries, etc) that do not contain erotic elements
 - Whether or not your story contains a sex scene, please read Hanne Blanke's [So You Say You Want To Write Literary Erotica?](#) Her tips on erotica and on writing in general are priceless.
- We prefer stories over 2000 words; however, we occasionally accept shorter pieces.

Content

- We do not want stories that:
 - are just a list of sexual positions only and contain no plot
 - show people under 18 having sex, rape/non-consensual sex, or sex with animals, corpses, children, or incest
 - bash someone's sexual orientation/preference (no bi-bashing) or race
 - have a main character who commits suicide
 - depicts violence *without* consequences
- We'd love to see more stories containing:
 - characters over 40 ('cause older women fall in love/lust, too)
 - couples who have been together for a few years (a lover doesn't have to be brand new to be exciting)
 - characters who explore sexual boundaries/fetishes
 - unusual settings

Format / Editing

- We **do not want** poorly written/unedited work – we will not “fix” your story
 - If you need help, visit the [editing section](#) of the [Kuma Writer's Resource Guide](#)
- Things to check:
 - Dialogue is punctuated correctly
 - This is one of the biggest mistakes that we see in submissions.
 - You are using correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation
 - You have not overused slang
 - You are not using internet jargon or short hand
 - In stories, people laugh. They do not LOL or LMAO.

- The size of your paragraphs. If you have more than 10-12 sentences in a paragraph, it should probably be broken down into smaller ones.
- Don't send us a piece that is "to be continued." We must see the whole story before accepting it.
- Please use a simple, ease to read font—we prefer Times New Roman, Arial, or Courier
 - Font color should be black
- Paragraphs should be double spaced

How To Submit

- All submissions must contain your contact information:
 - Your real name, your street address, email address, and a telephone number
 - This information is just for our records and will never be given to anyone else or be displayed online
 - We won't read your submission if you do not send contact information
- Tell Us:
 - If you want to use your real name on your work or a pen name
 - If you want to receive reader feedback--and which email address you want those responses to go to
 - The copyright year for your work (the year the work was written/completed in.)
- If you want:
 - You can send us a small bio. It should just be 5 or 6 sentences
 - You can also send a small picture for the Kuma Photo Album (Author's section)
- Emailing submissions:
 - We prefer to have a story sent as an attachment
 - plain text files (.txt), rich text files (.rtf), or MS Word files (.doc – not .wps) are accepted
 - Submit no more than 3 pieces at a time and wait until we review them before sending more
 - Send your work to literature@kuma2.net and put **Story Submission** as the subject
 - Your submission may go to the spam folder if you use the wrong subject
 - Within 48 hours you should get confirmation that we have received your submission.

These are the guidelines. We look forward to receiving your submissions.