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Dear publisher,
I would like to submit my book for your consideration for publication.

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

Book Title: **Harmer the Charmer**

Genre: Picture Book

Age: 4-8 year-olds

Word Count: 504

Synopsis:

After considering all the possibilities at the pet shop, Harmer is determined to get a pet snake for her eighth birthday. Her dad tries to talk her into a puppy, after all, they can do tricks, but he promised Harmer she could have any pet she liked. Harmer ends up winning out but is disappointed when she can't teach her new snake Terrence any tricks, until one day when she brings a recorder home from school, and Terrence surprises her.

Blurb:

Harmer's Dad says she can choose any pet she likes for her eighth birthday. After considering all the pets in the pet shop what Harmer chooses surprises her dad.

Where it may sit in the market:

Chain Bookstores; Classrooms; Department Stores; Indie Bookstores; Libraries; Merchandise potential;

Comments:

In my research on Stimpson's Pythons for this book, I discovered a lot about owning a snake for a pet. One thing that impressed me (and Harmer's dad) is that they are cheaper to keep than a dog. The story says something about Harmer's personality when she decides on a snake. Kids will love this story because of its oddity. Terence (Harmer's pet snake) would be a fun challenge for an illustrator to draw. I might get one as a pet for myself, and take it on school visits. There is space for a series (Harmer and the School Drama, Harmer and the Llama Farmer, etc.)

Smilingly,

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