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

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

Book Title: **Harold the Horrid**

Genre: Picture Book

Age: 4-8 year-olds Word Count: 487

Synopsis:

Harold the Horrid is a humorous rhyming tale, a twist on old traditional tales that often portray dragons as something to be feared. The king's daughter, Ameera is cursed with a terrible illness from a spell cast by an evil wizard/knight called Harold the Horrid. The king offers a handsome treasure to anyone who can rid the land of the rascal. Azila, the well-mannered, wise dragon answers the call and saves the princess.

Blurb:

In the days of old, it wasn't a knight who was bold but a dragon in a shiny hat. This humorous story has bits that are gory and twisted chivalry is where it's at.

Where it may sit in the market:

ASO Potential; Chain Bookstores; Classrooms; Indie Bookstores; Libraries;

Comments:

Harold The Horrid was shortlisted in the 2017 Greenleaf Press Buds Picture Book Manuscript Writing Competition. (Since been edited) The story is inspired by my concern for a nine-year-old Muslim (hence the Arabic names) girl with serious illnesses. She spent the first 18 months of her life in hospital with a stomach disorder. She is now nine years old and still suffers from serious health issues. I wanted the story to be lighthearted and the illness to be defeated to give hope to all suffering children. As I was editing, I realised that this story is a strong allegory of the political landscape.

Smilingly,

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