

STORIES

Stories inspire. Their words have great power, prompting children to laugh, dream and grow.

Stories can heal. Their characters deal with faults and fears no one wishes to show.

Stories transform. From their themes can be born new thoughts and new values to hold.



Do you dream of writing children's stories? How do you turn the promise of your imagination into the reality of a published book? If you don't know where to begin your journey, or if you are looking for a new writing adventure, then please consider our **path to publication**.

Dedicated to promoting social literacy, Baxter's Corner creates stories and programs that serve as a foundation to help teach life's lessons and build character around social skills and fundamental values. We publish a series of children's books that feature captivating animal characters with unique flaws and strengths. Our characters wrestle with the same situations and choices that children face.

The opportunity: to write an original story, based on our characters, that successfully embodies the Baxter's Corner personality and effectively furthers our mission.

We provide the framework: character options; broad ideas as springboard for a story you will develop; editing assistance to produce final draft of the story written in verse; illustration; design; production; marketing; and sales.

What's in it for you?

- * fast-track process to become a published author
- * royalties from sales of books
- * benefit from marketing/promotion of other books in the series
- * no money required from you for editing, illustration, design or printing

What's in it for us?

- * fresh ideas from new talent for engaging stories
- * ability to develop our series more rapidly

We're ready when you are! To begin your journey on the path to publication, please contact Linda Villwock Baker, 502-554-7752, Linda.Baker@BaxtersCorner.com.

Path to Publication Process

The following is an overview, as background information only, of the general steps involved in the development of a story for the Baxter's Corner series, but is not meant as a comprehensive understanding or binding agreement between a prospective author and Baxter's Corner.

1. Decision to pursue the development of a story with Baxter's Corner
2. Meet our characters
 - a. Review of current books in print
 - b. Review of Character Fact Sheet
3. Select central character for your story
4. Preliminary discussion of story ideas
5. Develop outline of story to identify key elements and flow of story
6. Upon review and approval of outline, develop manuscript.
7. (Note: Our books are written in verse. Manuscript of story should be submitted in verse, even if just a rough attempt. All accepted manuscripts will ultimately be edited into verse for our stories targeted to ages 6 months to grades two.)
8. Review of manuscript by Baxter's Corner.
9. Acceptance of a manuscript will initiate a formal Author Agreement with Baxter's Corner for that manuscript, which will move the manuscript into the production schedule for editing, illustration, design and printing.
10. Baxter's Corner will edit the manuscript.
11. Baxter's Corner will coordinate illustration and design.
12. Printing of first edition will be scheduled.
13. Author will participate in promotional activities for book.