

# Fantasy Manuscript Query Readiness Checklist

Tick each box honestly before you send your first batch of queries.

## The Manuscript

- The manuscript is finished.
- I've revised it as a whole book, not just chapter by chapter.
- Character arcs, plot threads, worldbuilding and the ending work together.
- My protagonist wants something clear and drives the story.
- My opening promises the same book the ending delivers.
- My first chapter starts with the story, not just the world.
- My word count fits my category and subgenre.

## The Query Package

- My query clearly explains the protagonist, conflict and stakes.
- My synopsis makes sense without pages of political history.
- My sample pages sell the same book as my query.
- My comp titles are recent and fit my audience.
- I can explain my book in one or two sentences.

## Outside Eyes

- A beta reader finished the manuscript.
- I looked for repeated patterns, not one person's opinion.
- I addressed the recurring issues.

## Final Check

- My agent spreadsheet is ready.
- My query package is complete.
- I'm not polishing forever because I'm scared to send it.
- If I pressed Send today, I'd be nervous—but I wouldn't know what else to fix.

**If you ticked almost everything above, you're probably as ready as you're ever going to be.**

Perfection isn't going to happen. At some point, dear writer, you have to let the manuscript meet the world.