



## SUBMISSIONS: POETRY

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### Poetry Submissions Guidelines

- Submissions are invited from the 31st of August 2018 to the 30th of September 2018 exclusively through [getinfo@impephopress.co.za](mailto:getinfo@impephopress.co.za). We do not have the staff capacity to acknowledge receipt of manuscripts so make sure you hit send and it actually sends.
- No submissions outside this reading period will be accepted.
- We accept book-length poetry manuscripts and collections of short stories only. While we love reading stories across genres, **we are ONLY reading poetry and short stories now. No novels and non-fiction will be accepted at this stage.**
- Manuscripts should be at least 65 pages long and no more than 100 pages long. Illustrations are not encouraged but will not be discounted if they add value to the text.
- All submissions must be made on Microsoft Word **and** as a pdf; Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing, font size 12, unless the text otherwise requires.
- Please include a synopsis and one-paragraph biographical note, as well as your contact information in the cover letter.
- At the beginning of your manuscript, please include a list of poems that have been previously published and where they appear (in journals, magazines, chapbooks, or anthologies).
- Make certain your submission is your final version. (This includes a page of acknowledgements.) Corrections and new versions will not be accepted during the selection process.
- Simultaneous submissions are not permitted. If your manuscript is accepted for publication elsewhere, please officially withdraw it by responding to the same email you had sent initially for submission, with the heading: **WITHDRAW SUBMISSION**.
- This is NOT a contest. While we take seriously the opportunity to consider your work for publication, **impepho press** reserves the right to not choose a book from the submissions received during this or any other reading period.
- We welcome submissions from people born on the African continent and people of colour from or living in the diaspora. This includes gender non-conforming people.
- Please familiarise yourself with who we are and what we are about before submitting a manuscript.

### Translations

Regretfully, **impepho press** does not have the capacity to accept and publish translations at the moment.