

FANTASTIC DETECTIVES

Call for Submissions

Fantastic Detectives is a sequel anthology to *Fantastic Defenders*, which covered fantasy heroes, and has the same editors: Donna Royston and David Keener.

This new anthology is targeted at those stubborn individuals who just won't let crimes go unsolved. They could be members of the City Guard, soldiers, magicians, or anything else...but they all have one thing in common. They'll do whatever it takes to find the answers they need.

What We Want

We're looking for stories about crimes in fantasy settings, ranging from "second world" settings to urban fantasies (with a slight preference for the former—no more than a third of the anthology will be urban fantasies). Stories can have other elements such as romance, humor, action...but should primarily be about dealing with a crime (a theft, kidnapping, murder, etc.).

Since these are fantasy stories, magic should be featured in some fashion. It can be: used in committing the crime, used in solving the crime, the reason for the crime, an intrinsic capability of a character, or you can surprise us with something clever.

The fantasy detective sub-genre can obviously lead to some dark stories, which is fine, but there should be at least a little ray of hope somewhere in each tale.

Finally, as with any good story, make us care about your characters.



What We Don't Want

- Erotica.
- Downer Endings (the Bad Guys win, there is no Hope, we're all Doomed).
- Tired tropes with no unique elements (Conan the Detective, Mary Sue Werewolf, Dashing Dead Vampire Hunk, Legolas the Elf Clone, etc.).
- We love magic, but not as a *deus ex machina*.



Submission Details

- Length: 5 – 15K words (Warning: The longer the story, the tougher we are).
- MS Word or RTF.
- Keep formatting simple.
- Submission Deadline: **December 30, 2021**
- Submissions and questions go to: submissions@worldsenough.com.

Expected Publication is May 2022.

Compensation

The advance is \$20, plus Contributors will receive royalties on a semi-annual (twice a year) basis. Each Contributor also receives a free copy of the trade paperback.

Who We Are

Tannhauser Press is a small press based in Northern Virginia dedicated to helping top indie writers get their work professionally published. Worlds Enough is an anthology packager run by David Keener that publishes anthologies with Tannhauser Press, including *Fantastic Defenders*, the upcoming *The Forever Inn*, and this new anthology, *Fantastic Detectives*. Together, Tannhauser Press and Worlds Enough have been producing quality SF/Fantasy anthologies since 2017.

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