

**Annotated Query Letter**  
**Man of Her Dreams**

Email: editor@publisher

Date: ...

Subject: [Name of...] Anthology Submission

Dear Editor

*The Man of Her Dreams* is a shapeshifter erotic romance novella targeted to the shapeshifter anthology special project. Attached are the full manuscript and synopsis.

[You'll notice I didn't state my word count here – what's going on? Well, the publisher's instructions ask for a cover page to the synopsis with a list of information, including word count. Since this was a special project, either the submission hit the target or it didn't. No need to duplicate the information here.]

*The Man of Her Dreams* is a variation on *The Little Mermaid* fairy tale:

In order to break the 170 year old curse that has transformed him into a shape shifting water horse, Owain Deverell has three days to win the unconditional love of a mortal woman without her knowing that he is the wild stallion of her nightmares.

[Notice that I use my logline as a mini-synopsis. Beyond that I didn't belabor the point, because I guessed a variety of criteria over which I had no control was involved since this was an open call for a special project. What I'm looking to do here is distinguish my shapeshifter story from everyone else's with a high concept link + my tightly written premise, which introduces the uncommon waterhorse.]

An award winning author, I write contemporary and futuristic erotic romance under the name Robie Madison. My futuristic, *Love Partner* was an Ecataromance Reviewers' Choice Award nominee, took second place in the Erotica/Steamy category of the 2007 Lories Best Published contest, and won the 2006 Dream Realm Award in the Erotic category. Another futuristic, *Desperate Alliance* is a 2009 EPPIE finalist, while my contemporary novella, *Good Enough For You* was recently a CataNetwork Reviewers' Choice Award winner. I have also published two romantic suspense novels under the name R.E. Matheson, one of which was a 2005 EPPIE finalist. In addition I regularly teach writing classes online. I can be found online at: [www.robiemadison.com](http://www.robiemadison.com).

[Obviously, my credentials have expanded quite nicely in the years between my first sale and this one. ☺ Bottom line—was my novella well written? Fortunately, the answer to that question was also yes.]

Thank you for considering *The Man of Her Dreams*. You can contact me at:  
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[Again—being polite + providing a professional email address as contact information is the best I could do with this submission.]