

(SAMPLE QUERY LETTER)

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Dear xxxxxx:

After Stella Sebastian accidentally runs over the handsome photographer she's recently met, breaking his leg, she must spend the rest of her vacation driving him around to various photo shoots. Recently divorced, Stella is not looking to get involved, and she remains distrustful of relationships in general. Reid Beckman's experience as a photographer for the AP in Iraq has left him scarred, and doubting his ability to see the beauty in the world around him. He wants only to lay low and try to put the experience behind him. But when he meets Stella, Reid is drawn to the lovely, spirited woman despite his efforts to remain detached. As they get to know each other, Stella and Reid must each let go of past wounds in order for love to flourish.

AS EAGLES SOAR is my recently completed 57,000-word romance novel. As a longtime fan of romances, I believe AS EAGLES SOAR would be suitable for the Harlequin American Romance line.

I've published seven novels, all under the name Jean Simon. These were released between 1987 and 1994. The first was a YA romance with Silhouette; the rest were occult/suspense published by Random House and Kensington. Following that, I took several years off from full-length fiction to care for my family and to work as a news correspondent for the Sioux City Journal. During that time, I had more than 200 newspaper articles and short stories published.

Enclosed please find a short synopsis and first three chapters of AS EAGLES SOAR. SASE is included for your reply. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Address

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Email