

Example Query Letter for *Yasmine*

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Dear [Contact name],

Included with this letter are a synopsis, an outline, and three sample chapters of my completed novel, *Yasmine*. The title character is a Tunisian woman who spends her formative years sojourning between Paris and her hometown of Sfax, during which time she confronts challenging questions about her identity while discovering and deepening her passion for poetry. Like the protagonist, I studied translation for many years and have faced unique questions posed by the immigrant experience. My own background has thus influenced this story.

Yasmine is targeted toward an adult and older adolescent audience. Those who have struggled to find their paths in life will identify with the central themes of the novel, as will those who have experienced racism, alienation, and the effects of colonialism. Likewise, as poetry underlies Yasmine's experiences and her development as a writer, avid readers may recognize and appreciate the many references to renowned poets throughout the story.

I appreciate your time and consideration in reviewing this letter and the enclosed material. I have included a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Nour Badri