

SAMPLE QUERY LETTER/Chynoweth

May 26, 2019

To: Jenni Burke, D.C. Jacobson & Associates, LLC

From: Michele Chynoweth, Author

RE: Fiction Submission

Dear Ms. Burke,

I am being referred to you by literary agent Ruth Samsel with the William K. Jensen Literary Agency whom I met at the Greater Philadelphia Christian Writers Conference and who has reviewed my novel manuscript, *The Runaway Prophet*. Ms. Samsel said she loved the story but was not representing fiction at this time and recommended I send this query to you.

The Runaway Prophet is a modern-day story based on the Bible's Book of Jonah. Rory Justice leads a relatively "normal" life as a conservative, divorced, middle-aged ad agency account executive living in Columbus, Ohio. He just wants to be left alone and doesn't like to rock the boat. But that's just what happens when his retired FBI agent father on his deathbed asks Rory to hand deliver a sealed letter to the Las Vegas Sheriff's department which details plans by a new Muslim Mafia running the casinos to destroy the city with an underground nuclear bomb. Rory tries to run from his dad's request to warn Vegas of its impending doom by jumping on a cruise ship instead, only to find himself entangled in a series of mishaps including being imprisoned on a submarine. Full of intrigue, suspense and a little romance, *The Runaway Prophet* delivers the message that you can try to run from God's call, but you can't hide—and that sometimes by rescuing other people, God rescues you in the process.

My manuscript for *The Runaway Prophet* is complete (69,390 words) and ready in its entirety for your review. It is considered "edgy" inspirational fiction would appeal to a universal audience. I am also the author of two other inspirational novels, *The Faithful One* and *The Peace Maker* (published by Ellechor Publishing House, a small Christian publisher) which have both received rave reviews and sold thousands of copies. Both are also modern-day novels based on stories in the Bible (the first is based on the Book of Job, the second on the story of David and his second wife Abigail in Samuel 1). I believe I have a unique "platform" in retelling Old Testament stories through contemporary fiction that is entertaining yet gets God's Word across in stories that people today can relate to, understand and enjoy.

I would like to take my novels to the next level with a major publisher and hope to get a good agent to help me to do so. My past work experience as a news reporter, advertising agency owner and marketing director has helped greatly in promoting and marketing my books and I am now a public speaker, writers conference presenter and book coach as well. Please let me know if you are willing to consider representing me. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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(Attached: synopsis and first three chapters of *The Runaway Prophet*, biography/marketing/book info.)