

#MSWL Query (Fiction - Thriller): The Last Opus

Yo TJ,

I saw you were looking for something along the lines of Silence of the Lambs, Gone Girl, or Seven. Good thing I was looking at [mswl.com](http://mswl.com) because I've got what you need. My novel, The Last Opus, is a major key. You may be asking yourself what does this book have that I need in my life? Don't worry I've got the answers for you... Strong female lead? I got that. Diversity? I got that shit too. Racial tension? Ooooh shit, I've got plenty. Police corruption, dope dialogue, and insane plot twists are other things you can look forward to as well.

The setting is a village in Ohio, New Concord. Two detectives, Faye Walsh and Max Hallowell, are brought in from the Zanesville police department to investigate. While the town runs wild for answers two recent high school graduates, Sarah Shaw and Lyle Miller, are the individuals the police should be after. As the body count in the village rises the reader will ask themselves, can Faye and Max solve the case or will these two teens get away with it?

I'm [AUTHOR NAME] if you couldn't tell by my email, and I am from the village the story is based in. 99% of the places used in the novel are real, and the remaining 1% have been romanticized. I am a graduate of Muskingum University (which is mentioned in the novel shoutout to the Muskies), where I played basketball and usually attended class 70% of the time. My passion and writing are different because I am different than most of the writers on the shelves; I'm young (28), black, and I have seen both sides of the coin when it comes to economic standing.

Below I have the first three chapters of my book. I hope you enjoy.

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[AUTHOR NAME]

email

phone number

Dear [EDITOR NAME],

Every writer should have a dream, and mine is to become a kind of demented Dickens. To write well-crafted stories with characters the reader will root for, while reflecting the social issues of our times. Terramagica is set in an alternate Victorian era, with a magical steam-punk background of two separate magic systems. Aethyr is mystical, based on creatures known as the 'Ancient Ones', while Terramagica is practical, mechanical, based on crystals found in the earth. One girl, Myste Bannon, was born with the impossible: an inhuman ability to use both kinds. Up until now they have balanced each other, hiding her abilities; however, the time is coming when her powers will shake the very foundations of the proper Victorian world. For the father of the Ancient Ones, a being called Chronos, has a plan to return civilization to its primitive beginnings, when the Ancient Ones were worshipped as gods.

The story begins in Edinburgh, capitol of the independent kingdom of Scotland. Myste's father, Ambassador Bannon, has been recalled to Londinium to lead England's industrialists on a more moderate path. So the industrialists are plotting to blow up the airship he and his family will be travelling upon. Saul Sherlock, a most unusual gnome, and his rough companion Jack Watson, are in Londinium seeking to infiltrate the group. Jack is a rare male half-blood Eldarion (race naturally able to use Aethyr) and human (Eldarion-human, like Myste, being always female). Jack is also unnaturally bonded to an Ancient One, the Huntsman, whose counterpart is called Shadowfae. While in Edinburgh, Chronos, in the guise of Professor Moriarty, tricks Myste and her fiancé Jonathan (an Englishman of African origin) into entering the ruin of Chrono's temple, where he bonds her permanently to Shadowfae. Saul Sherlock uncovers the plot, Jack warns the airship as it sails through the skies, but Myste is the one who saves the day, using her newly discovered abilities to foil the plot. However, she falls from the airship and is saved by Shadowfae. The ship lands hard and Jonathan leads a party to find her, destroying a great evil unleashed by a child of Chronos. In the end, Jack and Myste realize they are now the human avatars of the Huntsman and Shadowfae, while Jonathan vows to protect Myste from an ancient ritual played out between the two, a cycle repeating for thousands of years.

So, who am I? [AUTHOR NAME] (who uses the pen name [AUTHOR NAME]), writing fantasy/alt-history for some time now. I have two self-published novels available on Amazon, and last year began having my novel 'Shadowlands' serialized by Big World Network. I've also written several screenplays based on my novels, and have been a finalist at the Oaxaca film festival, Peachtree in Atlanta, and made the short list in the New Media screenplay competition. I have a website:[LINK] and have an author page on Facebook. Much of my marketing strength is talking to people at cons and other places; should you decide to pick up this series, as it will eventually become, you'll find me a very active partner with experience being interviewed on television and on radio.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this, and I hope we get to work together. Cheers, y'all!

[AUTHOR NAME]

Subject: URGENT SUBMISSION

😊 Hi future publisher,

How are you? I hope this submission finds you well. There are several reasons why you would want to read my manuscript. First of all, it's not long, so it won't take up a lot of your time. It's informative, witty and gets right to the point. Secondly, it's a lifestyle book, it's going to help a lot of young women and men loose weight and live a healthier lifestyle. In addition, I discuss nutrition and suggest easy meal plans that are better choices for the body. A perfect example is organic food versus regular food.

Also I touch on fitness, meditation, even relationships because our love life has a lot to do with how we eat but in a humorous way. I talk about being vegan if the reader chooses and what that entails. My book which will be entitled, "Skinny Bad B\*tch, what to do to get & stay that way" complete wellness guide. In my manuscript I use dialogue that the younger generation / Pop culture uses. I guess that's obvious from the title, LOL. So they can relate to weight loss and nutrition in a fun way as oppose to something that's difficult and complicated.

I know that my book will be successful because the young generation will love this modern, hip and Fun book. Not only will it make them look and feel great but laugh too. My goal is for every person who reads this book to become the best version of her or him in this lifetime.

Please let me know if I should send you the manuscript. Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you.

Below is a link to my first book which is totally different from the manuscript I'm presenting to you however I'm writing the sequel. With that said, I'm also a nutritionist and that is what inspire this new book. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

[AUTHOR NAME]

[link to author's other book on amazon]

[AUTHOR NAME] Bio:

I have been a writer my entire life. I am a published writer who have written for Blogs, newspapers ,award shows, magazines etc. You name it I've done it, LOL. I recently worked for a media company by the name of GroupM. My title was media coordinator in N.Y.C. I am a graduate of Temple University, where I majored in business and minored in English. I am presently working as a freelance writer in NYC, teaching writing classes and working on my next book.

Subject: Born - Against All Odds (a novel)

My name is [AUTHOR NAME].

I am a Russian writer (my pen name is [AUTHOR NAME]).

I live in Berkeley, California.

I am a journalist and a blogger.

My novel *Born - Against All Odds* has been translated into English by [TRANSLATOR NAME] (Canada), whose literary translations have appeared in various international publications.

*Born - Against All Odds* received the award for “Best Book of the Year” in the fantasy genre, in an International Russian writers competition in Germany in 2015.

Based, in part, on my own true story, the novel has a curious effect. It is a book about childbirth and seems to have a special touching energy resulting in some women getting pregnant while they are reading it. You may take it seriously or not, but it is a funny fact:)

In any case, my novel inspires women with a different perspective of having a baby.

I have included a synopsis and the beginning my novel in English below.

I very much hope that you will consider publication possibilities.

[AUTHOR NAME]

address, phone, email, website

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The novel *Born - Against All Odds* is written in the first person – by the soul of an invisible baby - one of the many souls who have to choose their future parents.

Having seen and fallen in love with a charming and cheerful girl named Lera, the soul of a boy decides that she is the one who must be his mother. To his misfortune however,

Lera’s boyfriend does not want to have children with Lera, causing her to choose abortion.

According to the rules, because of his error in judgment, the boy loses the ability to choose his parents during the next 2 years and completely loses the opportunity to re-select Lera as his mom.

During this period of time (again, according to the rules), the soul of the boy becomes an assistant to a guardian angel, one who doesn’t seem to be able to handle his duties well. His "boss" gives the little boy soul the task of protecting three people. While performing the tasks assigned to him, the little soul encounters Lera, the woman he once longed to become his mother, but now, can no longer see.

There are three stories in the book, each of them about birth. The novel describes two planes: the earthly and heavenly. Guardian angels and the souls of unborn children are completely real, and even though people cannot see them, they can sense that they are close by.

The soul of the boy not only fights against his own challenges, but he also fights to be with his mother, who he loves and wants to provide with a second chance. The boy decides to break the rules and follow his heart, no matter how great the obstacles he faces.

This book comes full circle: it begins with the birth of a child, who in his early days is able to remember what happened to him while he was a soul, and ends with his birth as well.

Subject: Mr.Sal Excellent Guide

*To whom it may concern;*

*After reading your guidelines, I thought it might be prudent to just inquire first. If this is something that interests your company, I will send you the entire manuscript if you like.*

*Sincerely*

*[AUTHOR NAME]*

Book Proposal:

“MR.SAL’S EXCELLENT GUIDE ”

*TO BETTER GROOMING, ETIQUETTE AND THE MAN RULES*

1. Intended Market:

Targeted solely towards men, Mr. Sal's Excellent guide covers everything from;Bathing and Skin Care to Apparel, the History of Hats and the Modern Suit, appropriate Etiquette in polite society and the hopefully helpful guide to navigating the world at large, “The Man Rules.”

Not strangely enough the purchaser of these self-help essays on looking better, will most likely be women. Girlfriends, sisters, moms and aunts who are tired of asking that singular man in their lives to wear something other than a beat-up tee-shirt the next time they’re invited over for dinner or a family function.

Embarrassed at the nephew or son who shows up at a funeral or wedding in jeans and a leather jacket.

This is my market...Women. A man, unless he’s concerned with his appearance would probably never buy this book for himself... but given to him as a stocking-stuffer or slipped in his book bag on his way to college he might just heed its word. Accepted as a gift from a loving girlfriend who only wants her man to look good that’s the man who will read my book.

2. Author’s Intent

My purpose for writing this minute guide is my dismay on how shoddy and unkempt some men carry themselves and their total disregard and lack of simple courtesy when dealing with the public at large.

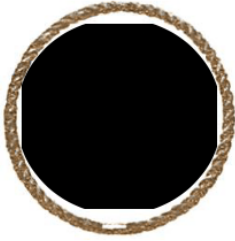
It owes much of its existence and tone to Giovanni Della Casa’s Sixteenth Century classic “Galateo” or the Rules of Polite Behavior. Published posthumously in 1558 it was written primarily to his nephew Annibale as a sort of road map of life from a loving uncle. The ideals of chivalry and gallantry may seem antiquated in our modern society, but according to the late great historian Will Durant, ‘...modern politeness is a dilution of Medieval Chivalry.’

This is the core of my book and the message it tries to relay.

3. Brief Bio

Originally from New York City, I was a musician for many years playing such clubs as C.B.G.B’s, Max’s Kansas City, China Club to name a few.

I’m a produced playwright, award-winning short film director, sometimes actor and stand-up. I can be contacted through this e-mail or by phone at [PHONE NUMBER]



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United States Merchant Marine Officer

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RMS Titanic

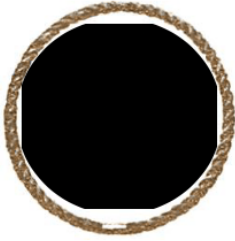
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## Overview

***Pirate Capitalism: Saving Your Ship, Crew and Treasure in the Coming Financial Storm*** is a nonfiction book designed to motivate the average citizen to take action. Irrefutable government data and expert analyses forecast an unavoidable financial storm that will soon hit the United States. Capt. Edward Smith was as wrong about the RMS Titanic as Alan Greenspan is about the SS America!

All of us will need to master the same types of skills, overcome the same challenges, endure the same isolation, struggle with the same finite supplies and employ the same strategies to prepare our Ships (homes), Crews (families) and Treasures (assets) as the great ship captains had to aboard their ships to save themselves, their crews and their treasures. Courage is courage, perseverance is perseverance, survival is survival - whether it is 1816 or 2016. Greatness transcends time.

With refreshingly blunt language and deeply personal stories, Capt. [REDACTED] speaks directly to those Americans who have been ignored, marginalized, laid off, downsized, outsourced, bamboozled, duped, distracted, lied to, bankrupted and foreclosed upon by the corrupt, connected and controlling titans of personal wealth and corporate power in the United States (the Pirates). Warning signs:

- ↓ 100% of the polled economists believe a U.S. economic recession is coming by 2022 and 35% of them said it will hit in 2018 (Bloomberg News poll).
- ↓ 55% chance that there will be a global recession in the next couple of years (Citigroup's Chief Economist, Willem Buiter).
- ↓ 69% of Americans are angry about, "the way things are going in the U.S.," (CNN poll).
- ↓ 59% of Americans are afraid of falling out of their economic class (Allstate/Heartland Monitor poll).
- ↓ 3.7 million Americans are crisis "Preppers" who spend billions annually (Newsweek).
- ↓ 71% of Americans believe the country is not strong (U.S. News and World Report poll).
- ↓ 52% of Americans believe the American dream is dead (Esquire/NBC poll).
- ↓ 20% increase in death rates for middle-aged white Americans due to, "drug poisoning, suicide and alcohol-related liver disease.....from an increasing disengagement from the mainstream economy," so concluded two Princeton University economists, Nobel laureate Angus Deaton and Anne Case (New York Times).

The author, Capt. [REDACTED], is a United States Coast Guard Licensed Captain, United States Merchant Marine Officer, entrepreneur, executive and educator.

***Pirate Capitalism: Saving Your Ship, Crew and Treasure in the Coming Financial Storm*** is completed and available for your review.





## Author's Biography

Capt. [REDACTED] (or just [REDACTED], sans any titles, as he prefers) is a 44-year-old, defiant, outspoken, tough, loyal, highly-educated, Mother-venerating, animal-adoring, people-weary, captain, long-distance swimmer, entrepreneur and executive.

And, he knows how to prepare a ship for a storm. [REDACTED] has endured howling winds and fought deadly waves, while never losing a crew member or a vessel. As an entrepreneur and the chief executive of several corporations, [REDACTED] has battled boardroom pirates, back-stabbing colleagues, corrupt politicians and biased journalists. As a celebrated college business instructor, he led mostly inner-city students, against all odds, to academic excellence.

When once asked by a reporter if he were any relation to another Capt. Smith (Edward John Smith of the Titanic), he laughed,

*“I certainly hope not. I have a better track record than he did”.*

### Professional Highlights:

- ⚓ [REDACTED] is a United States Coast Guard Licensed Captain and United States Merchant Marine Officer who has been on the water and aboard vessels literally all of his life. In fact, if [REDACTED] is not on the high seas aboard “Yacht DOROTHEA”, named in honor of his Mother, he is sequestered at his waterfront log home.
- ⚓ In 1994, [REDACTED] founded [REDACTED] Communications, a full-service public relations, marketing and public speaking training firm.
- ⚓ Official Spokesperson for the State of Georgia on Healthcare Facilities.
- ⚓ Judicial Mediator in Buffalo, NY, City and Erie County, NY, Family Courts.
- ⚓ Executive Director of the Niagara Arts Council, Inc., a cultural public relations firm.