

## Before You Query Questionnaire

*If answer is **yes** to any questions below, consider reviewing manuscript again before querying agents.*

1. Are any parts of your manuscript a first draft?
2. Are there any characters you don't connect with? (they don't have to be necessarily likeable, just interesting)
3. Do any sections of your book bore you? Any parts you'd rather skip over to get to the 'good bit'?
4. Are there any parts in your manuscript that are unclear?

*If answer is **no** to any questions below, consider reviewing manuscript again before querying agents.*

5. Are all characters necessary/ do they serve a purpose?
6. Have you given yourself time away from your manuscript— at least 2-4 weeks before looking again?
7. Have you read your manuscript in different formats apart from on your Word processor? (for example, on Kindle, in print, PDF?)
8. Have you read your manuscript aloud to check the flow of ideas and sentences?
9. Has someone who is NOT family or a close friend read over your manuscript?
10. Can you explain what your book is about in:
  - three paragraphs?
  - a paragraph?
  - a sentence?
  - one word?