## **Define Your Audience**

- Preschool
- 5-7 year olds
- 8-11 year olds (tweens)
- Young adult

Adult

- Gender?
  - Male
  - Female

Reading Level	# Manuscript Pages
Board book for Pre-Schoolers	1/2 -1
Picture Books	2-3
Picture Story Book	6-9
Easy-Reader book	10-20
Young Middle Grade Novels	40-60
Middle Grade Novels	100-150
Young Adult Novels	175-200
Middle Grade Non-Fiction	60-100
Young Adult Non-Fiction	100-150
Romance Novels	140-160
Adult Romance Novels	200-280 (50,000 to 70,000 wds)
Poetry/Verse for Young Readers	15-20
Poetry/Verse for Adult Readers	50-150
Adult Mainstream Novels	280-360 (70,000 to 90,000 wds)

## **Acceptable Manuscript Lengths**

Novel: 45,000 to 150,000 words Novella: 7,000 to 40,000 words Short Story: 2,000 to 7,5000 words Short-Short Story: Under 2,000 words Flash Fictions: 99 to 1,000 words