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Dear Ms. Fagerness,

I am seeking representation for my memoir, *Ascertain*, a 350-page retelling of some of the most impactful things in my life to-date. This story follows my college years as an undergraduate student dealing with trauma, heartbreak, religion, self-discovery and self-worth while battling social norms, course difficulties and financial struggles. It has been workshopped in multiple class sessions with Debbie Lee, who is author to her new memoir *Remote*, and briefly discussed with Jericho Brown, Pulitzer Prize winner of 2020 for poetry.

I am writing to you because you expressed interest and have success in selling novels that include self-help, and experience in foreign markets and publishers.

More often than not, trauma, financial struggles, mental health, self-worth, and various other factors are affecting men and women across a multitude of campuses in this nation, and in other countries. I have many friends who deal with the same issues and challenges that I do, but it seems taboo to discuss with peers because it is not normalized enough in today's society. That needs to change. With my experience recorded and analyzed, I can assist other people in achieving what they desire with some tough love and honest storytelling about my experiences. I can try and change the world's viewpoints.

I will have a degree in December 2020 in Rhetoric and Professional Writing with a minor in Creative Writing with a certificate in Editing and Publishing, and my work has been published in Washington State University's small literary journal "Shareable Platter," as well as been reviewed by multiple scholars and academic professors. I have experience through multiple internships with agents, editors, and social media marketing as well.

If you find yourself interested in my work, I have enclosed a proposal and two sample chapters per your submissions request. I hope you will consider *Ascertain*.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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