

Dear [Agent],

Did you know manatees swim using farts? Or that wombats can crush enemy skulls with their rumps? Or that some turtles breathe through their derrières? If butts make you giggle, then you'll laugh out loud while learning about a variety of animals with fantastic fannies.

BATTLE OF THE BUTTS is a 6,400-word nonfiction picture book for older kids in the vein of the funny and educational books by Rebecca L. Johnson and Jess Keating. It presents ten animals that have weird and wonderful posterior powers, explains what the power does to help the animal, and how each power works. While giggling and eww-ing their way through the pages, readers will learn about biology, chemistry, and physics – so it's a win for kids and their parents and teachers. After reading about each animal (Fish that communicate through farts! Beetles that shoot burning chemicals out of their bums!), kids are asked to rate its posterior power. Then at the end of the book, they will decide on a winner and crown the ultimate King of Keisters.

I've been published in Highlights magazine and The Post and Courier and have won several awards, including a SCBWI Work-in-Progress grant for my YA novel, the Highlights Fiction Contest, and the South Carolina Fiction Project prize. Additionally, two of my short scripts won production grants and are now award-winning short films. Previously a freelance writer for the MTV News website, I am now the interview coordinator for the Adventures in YA Publishing website.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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