



Pitch Wars is a mentoring program where published/agented authors, editors, or industry interns choose one writer each to spend three months revising their manuscript. It ends in February with an Agent Showcase, where agents can read a pitch/first page and can request to read more.

Who I am: Hi!! My name is Morg. I'm in my late 20s. I'M AN AQUARIUS. I like wine and pets and music the most. I'm a Black queer author looking to send the elevator back down to my community and mentor an author whose story we so desperately need in the publishing community! I'm repped by Holly Root of Root Literary (go #teamroot !!!). My book has not yet been published (HONEY GIRL out February 23, 2021!!, Park Row Books), but I have been through querying, agent edits, submission, book deal (!!!), edits, galleys, and ARCS, so I can pass on the knowledge I have gained. Since I am so new to the game, these things feel very fresh to me, which I think is a good thing!

My editing style: I am not the type of person to get in the nitty gritty details. My best work when it comes to editing is in the beats and the feel of the story. I will go through your manuscript and let you know if the plot needs more or less, what elements are missing, if the characters feel real and dynamic and solid, if the story moves too fast or drags in any spots, and most importantly: how it made me *feel*. It is a similar editing style that my agent has, and it benefitted me well, because when it came time to do the nitty gritty work with my editor, I was starting in a really good place thanks to the big picture edits I had already done.

I will communicate with you via email or Twitter DM because I am a millennial who hates the phone and also the video chats that have emerged in the wake of this pandemic. #help

WHAT I WANT: Here's the good part! The juicy goss! Here are the things I'm looking for in my inbox

- **ONLY ACCEPTING NEW ADULT AND ADULT CATEGORIES**

- **PRIORITIZING #OWNVOICES**
- **SINGLE POV**
- QUEER STORIES
- CONTEMPORARY FICTION
 - I prefer more character-driven stories than plot-driven stories
- FOUND FAMILY FOUND FAMILY FOUND FAMILY
- CHARACTER-DRIVEN STORIES!!!!
- QUEER ROMANCE: in all flavors of varying gender and sexual orientations! Transphobia **NOT** welcome in my inbox, thank you (**hopeful ending or HEA, please**)
- STORIES SET AT AN HBCU!!!! CONTEMPORARY “A DIFFERENT WORLD”!!!
- TROPEY GOODNESS: tropes are not bad and are not “over” until all marginalized communities have had the opportunity to engage with them. I humbly ask: **please no fake relationship trope for me, please**
- STORIES ABOUT SISTERS: i love my sister and stories about the complicated relationships sisters can have
- FAMILY DRAMA: I grew up on The Young and Restless so I love a messy family
- MENTAL HEALTH REP
- HIMBOS!!! HELLO?? IS THIS THING ON??? SEND ME YOUR HIMBOS!!!
- 20s FICTION: gimme your characters in their 20s making messes of their lives and boggled down by student loan debt
- MAGICAL REALISM AND/OR SOFT FANTASY: give me your contemporary stories where your low-key magic system is incorporated into our modern daily lives (think The House in the Cerulean Sea)
- GHOSTS AND WITCHES: give me your contemporary stories that weave in modern feminist witchcraft and/or ghosts that still allow me to sleep soundly at night
- CATHOLICISM: I’m Catholic and went to Catholic school for 15 years. If you know, you know.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ME:

- Stories that revolve around toxic masculinity, abuse, torture, violence, non-consensual acts, incest
- Stories that are racist, homophobic, transphobic, antisemitic, classist, etc (if you have to ask, it’s probably not for me)
- CISHET CENTERED ROMANCES
- SPORTS ROMANCES
- FAKE RELATIONSHIP TROPE
- MULTI-POV
- DUAL TIMELINES
- HORROR

- SAD/TRAGIC ENDINGS
- ON-PAGE SELF HARM
- ON-PAGE DEATH
- WHITE SAVIORS
- EROTICA (I'm babe)

MY IDEAL MENTEE: is someone open to feedback, passionate about the story they want to tell, able to receive (constructive, I swear) criticism, a good sense of self, take initiative with feedback and edits given, not afraid to ask questions or for clarification, likes to be cheered on and hyped up

If you have any questions, feel free to hit me up on Twitter @garnetmorgue

Head back to the Pitch Wars post to see the complete list of mentors:

<https://pitchwars.org/pitch-wars-2020-mentor-blog-hop/>