

Query Critique

Dear [Agent],

I am hoping to interest you in my 63k-word debut novel, [REDACTED] a stand-alone Adult Romance set in an alternate Victorian era. [Personalization here]

Millie Patel-Hughes has finally found her calling in life: medicinal alchemy. When a fire consumes her old life, it was alchemy that allowed her to create a new life from the ashes left behind.

As a newly inducted member of a prominent alchemy guild, Millie is sent out on her first assignment to help the doctor of a small town beset with a mysterious illness. If she does well on this assignment it will earn her the choice of a permanent station where she can be near and provide for the only two people she's ever cared about—her mothers. But once she arrives, she finds the townsfolk, in particular Dr. Arthur Everett, are unwelcoming as just her presence reminds them of a disaster in their town caused by an expedition of alchemists.

Millie earns the respect of the begrudging Arthur as her alternative medicine proves useful, and the two grow closer as they work together to aid the sick. But just as both of their walls are coming down, Arthur falls ill. It is up to Millie to cure the disease while her allotted time is running thin. She must decide whether to stay and help Arthur at risk of losing a station near her mothers, or return, leaving behind the chance at a kind of love she's never come so close to before.

Thank you very much for your consideration and I hope to hear from you!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Commented [KV1]: This is within range, but might be on the low end. Check against popular comps for reference.

Commented [KV2]: Good metadata here. The mention of "Victorian era" makes it clear that this is more historical leaning. Perhaps the personalization will hook the agent a little more. Tips on this in the report.

Commented [KV3]: A few echoes of "life" in this paragraph. Try to reword for variety.

Commented [KV4]: Good voice here.

Commented [KV5]: Great. Goal and motivation here!

Commented [KV6]: Excellent way of presenting the stakes.

Commented [KV7]: This is a fairly strong query that you should be proud of. All we need is comps, a simple bio, and some personalization. Great job!👍