

**GENRES:** Open to **Speculative Fiction** (works in which the setting is other than the real world, involving supernatural, futuristic, or other imagined elements); **Suspense/Thriller**; **Supernatural/Horror**; or **Science Fiction** (or some combination of any of those genres) is acceptable.

**THEME:** This anthology's title is "Corporate Shadows" and is inspired by the recent net neutrality rulings. How you interpret that is up to you!

**SPECIFICALLY UNACCEPTABLE GENRES:** Romance/Erotica, Middle School, Biographical, Autobiographical, Memoirs, Poetry, Non-Fiction, Western, or Pornography.

**WORD COUNT:** 2,000 to 15,000 words.

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES:

- Standard manuscript format.
- Submissions must be made as .doc or .docx attachment only and NOT copied into the body of the email. Only electronic submissions accepted.
- In accordance with Arc Book Club's standards, stories containing pedophilia, bestiality, overtly descriptive rape, or graphic gore will not be considered.
- Factors in anthology acceptance:
  - How well it fits the theme of a given book;
  - Quality of the story based on characterization, conflict, **TWIST** at the end, and how engaging it is;
  - Word count, length, and formatting (while minor considerations, it indicates a certain professionalism about the craft);
  - Technical writing quality: sentence and story structure, pacing, split infinitives, an overabundance of adjectives, adverbs, similes, filter words, etc.
  - Quality of the manuscript's editing/proofreading (again, both indications of professionalism about the craft)
- **Failure to submit story according to guidelines will be cause for immediate rejection.**
- Multiple story submissions are accepted if individually submitted in compliance with guidelines.
- Non-Exclusivity – the rights to the short story are kept by the author. Arc Book Club reserves the right to continue to reprint the anthology, but the author may also shop the story to other markets with the understanding that it may still be in print with ABC.
- Multiple authors – one story may have multiple authors, but only one royalty check per story will be distributed and one electronic copy of the book. It is up to the multiple co-authors to figure out how to divvy that up.
- Compensation – will be to a PayPal account only.

- **SUBMISSION EMAIL SUBJECT LINE SHOULD READ:** *Nexxis Fantasy* – Story Title – Author first initial, last name. All submissions are to be sent to [submissions@nexxisfantasy.com](mailto:submissions@nexxisfantasy.com).
- **SUBMISSIONS OPEN:** March 1, 2018
- **SUBMISSIONS CLOSE:** July 1, 2018 (5:00 PM EST)
- **SELECTION PERIOD:** Wednesday, July 7, 2018 Acceptance or rejection notifications will be sent out then.
- **CONTRIBUTOR COMPENSATION:** \$0.01 per word for submissions selected for inclusion. Payable upon book going on sale (estimated date: mid August, 2018).