

Call for Authors - Anthology Submission

Crimson Gate Books plans to publish a new anthology tentatively titled ***Secrets Worth Killing For: An Anthology of Espionage, Mayhem, and Betrayal***, edited by Joe Goldberg and A.C. Frieden.

Target publication date: June 2027

Submission deadline: December 15, 2026

Number of contributing authors: 15–20

Word count: 5,500–7,500 words per story

The anthology will be published in print and eBook formats and will be sold through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and independent booksellers. Crimson Gate Books also plans to market the anthology in key crime-fiction markets, including the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, India, and Australia.

We are currently seeking original short stories that meet the following criteria:

- The story is espionage crime fiction and meaningfully incorporates themes such as intelligence gathering, counterintelligence, counterterrorism, covert operations, dangerous secrets, political intrigue, false identities, betrayal, or divided loyalties.
- It is between 5,500 and 7,500 words, although longer submissions may be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- It will be complete, polished, and ready for editorial review no later than the submission deadline.
- It is an original work, and the author controls all necessary publishing rights.
- It has ***not*** been previously published or placed under contract unless disclosed in advance.
- It is not cozy or paranormal fiction.
- It was not generated or materially written or rewritten by an AI tool.

Authors whose stories are selected will be invited to sign our standard anthology contribution agreement. The agreement will set out compensation for the accepted story and the author's participation in Crimson Gate Books' promotional efforts for the anthology.

We expect strong interest and a high volume of submissions. Authors are encouraged to apply early because submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

If your story meets these criteria, please complete the questionnaire on the Crimson Gate Books website at <https://crimsongatebooks.com/submissions>