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Dear Ms. \_\_\_\_\_:

What would you do if your older sister was the famous, glamorous, legendary Tooth Fairy and you were just the pesky little sister no one cared about? Would you hang onto her coattails (or gossamer wings) hoping just a bit of attention will rub off on you? Or would you get inventive?

Meet *Switch Witch*, a 964-word picture book about a little sister named Esme who decides enough is enough.

I have selected your agency because of your success in placing humorous, high concept, picture books, most notably your recent sale of *Tutusaurus Rex* by Ima Big Author to Chronicle Books.

*Switch Witch* is the story of how Esme, jobless and aimless (and not a little jealous), gets to work trying to find a purpose in life. She goes through all the other major events and holidays in a kid's life (Easter? Nope. Bunny's got that covered. Christmas? Nope. Santa and a whole lotta small guys are already up and running the toy factory.) Finally, one Halloween night, Esme realizes she could do some real good. She turns herself into the Switch Witch, the one who takes all the extra candy kids don't really need and swaps it out for an alternative after all the trick-or-treating is over. And of course she does something virtuous with all those leftover sweets!

I have been writing for 20 years. I've had three picture books published over the last five years: *Doggone!* (2012), *You Can't Pet a Pet Fish* (2011), and *Stinkerbella* (2010). All three have sold over 5,000 copies in hardcover over the first year and have been reprinted in paperback picture books for the book clubs and book fairs.

I'm a member of SCBWI, and I was a finalist this year in the SCMMWWSMW (Southern California Misguided Mommies Writing While Simultaneously Mud Wrestling) Contest.

Please let me know if you are interested in switching out this query letter for the entire, thrilling manuscript of *Switch Witch*. I have enclosed a SASP for your convenient reply — as well as a piece of leftover Halloween candy as a friendly bribe.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this query.

Sincerely,

Your Name