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Overview of Content Warnings

What are content warnings?

Content warnings offer the reader a chance to mentally prepare for anything in the work that might be challenging for them, whether it's a PTSD trigger, something that makes them sad, or just something jarring they prefer to know about ahead of time.

Oh, so spoilers?

No. Under very specific circumstances, some content warnings might also be spoilers, but in general a story should be able to stand on its own regardless of whether there is a surprise. Content warnings are not intended to censure but to provide readers with the knowledge of what they might encounter in a work so they can make an informed choice in reading.

What should I give content warnings for?

The big ones are, conveniently, generally crimes or serious medical issues. For example, rape/sexual assault, child abuse, murder, suicide, extreme violence, marital affair, or cancer. But it's also a good idea to include content warnings for things that seem more innocuous, such as swearing and on-page sex, and for racism, sexism, etc.

Specific Content to Give Warnings For:

- Child death
- Death
- Rape
- Sexual Assault
- Suicide
- Medical Trauma
- Fatphobia
- Racism
- Homophobia
- Transphobia
- Misgendering

- Biphobia
- Violence
- Death of a parent
- Ableism
- Alcoholism
- Drug Addiction
- Domestic Abuse
- Depression
- Eating Disorders
- Stalking
- Self-harm
- War
- Amputation
- Animal Cruelty or Death

Hard Sells

While we will read all manuscripts submitted, we do have a list of things which will likely be hard sells:

- Explicit sexual content
- Rape and graphic sexual assault
- Animal cruelty and/or death of an animal
- Homophobia, Transphobia, graphic violence toward LGBTQ people
- Violence toward people with disabilities
- Violence toward women, spousal abuse, mariticide
- Violence toward children or infanticide
- Violence toward any marginalized group or community
- Stories that promote hatred, prejudice, or violence toward any group of people included but not limited to age, race, nationality, sex, gender, religion, political affiliation, economic status, disability, or neurodiversity.