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Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to present my novel ***Hatching Secrets*** for your consideration. Approximately 73,000 words in length, it explores how little we sometimes know of those closest to us and how the unraveling of that knot can take years.

Margaret Thatcher won the election but Janet has run away. The bleak coasts of western Ireland appear to offer shelter. Through the clouds of her hangovers, however, an intruder appears and, spectre or mental illusion, he leads her down new paths of discovery. With Ray, her ex-boyfriend, closing in behind Janet is forced to delve back into, not just her immediate past, but the darkness that was her childhood until the final secret is broken and she and her brother may finally rest in peace. A generation later, Ray and the baby girl Janet used to care for turn up on an Irish doorstep in search of a final secret.

This is one of several novels I have been working on for some time. Up to now, building my career in education and adopting our two Colombian children have taken precedence over my writing. At the moment, however, I have the time, enthusiasm and energy to improve, polish and hopefully publish.

I am enclosing a synopsis of ***Hatching Secrets*** and the first chapters (64 pages). Further information, (including PDF versions of the documents attached to this email) and other work in progress is available at www.scottboardman.com/lit. Meanwhile, you can contact me at any time through efs@scottboardman.com.

Yours faithfully,

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