

# AGENTS, EDITORS & PUBLISHERS



**Shannon Hassan**

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**Shannon Hassan**, an agent at the Marsal Lyon Literary Agency, brings a depth of business and editorial experience to her role, having worked in publishing and law for more than a decade. She represents authors of **literary and commercial fiction, young adult and middle grade fiction, and select nonfiction**. For fiction, she is drawn to fresh voices, compelling characters, and crisp prose, and she enjoys both contemporary and historical settings. For nonfiction, she is interested in narrative nonfiction from authors with a strong platform. Before becoming an agent, Shannon was the Acquisitions Editor at Fulcrum Publishing, and prior to that a corporate attorney at Arnold and Porter in New York. She received her JD from Harvard and her BA from George Washington University.

**Shannon will be accepting verbal pitches during the conference.**

**Helen Hardt** has been editing professionally since 2008, both commercial and freelance. She edits all genres of fiction and non-fiction. She counts among her clients New York Times Bestselling Authors, USA Today Bestselling Authors, RITA winners and finalists, and EPIC winners and finalists. She also offers author mentoring.

Currently, she acquires **all genres and heat levels of romance** for Lyrical Press, an imprint of Kensington, and she acquires **romance, erotica, speculative fiction, literary fiction, and GLBT fiction** for Musa Publishing.

Helen is also an award-winning author. She lives in Colorado.

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**Deb Courtney** holds a degree in Fiction from the University of South Florida, where she was a Saunders Scholar in Fiction. She has had numerous short stories published and has worked as a freelance journalist. Her background includes marketing and public relations in several business sectors. Her most recent venture is Courtney Literary.

**Preference is given to memoir, mystery, edgy YA, business/how-to projects, and quirky off-beat humorous projects which have a difficult place.**

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