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Penguin Group (USA)
Human Resources Department
Attn: Internship Coordinator
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Dear Internship Coordinator:

I am a junior majoring in Comparative Literary Studies with a minor in Public Health at Northwestern University. Yet, to the librarian at home in New York, I am still the kid who bribes her friends for library cards each summer in order to evade the 30-books-per-week-limit. I was also the one who secretly hoped for rainy days in elementary school – it meant spending recess in the library.

In my college experience, I had the opportunity to branch out in my passion for reading. I have become interested in the legal processes of the literary world, and I am excited to see how a powerhouse publishing company responds to changes such as the rise in e-books. I am eager to explore each Penguin Group department in both the Young Readers and Adult divisions, as was posted on Northwestern's CareerCat. I would like to be considered as a candidate for your summer internships in the following areas: contracts, editorial and subsidiary rights.

My interest in the publishing process began with forays in journalism. During my freshman year, I joined the copy desk of *The Daily Northwestern* and studied investigative reporting by editing articles. The following year, I used what I learned and began working on short clips, an activity culminating in my own investigative article about late-night dining options in Evanston. I then contacted the editor of *Newsday* newspaper and he invited me to join their copy desk that summer as their first undergraduate intern. Although the newspaper industry is a different type of print publishing, it was fantastic being part of the group revision process. I would walk out of the office each night with my nose stuck happily in a copy of the next morning's paper.

An internship with Penguin Group would introduce me to a new area of the publishing industry— one without which, story pitching and writing would be void. Working in the newsrooms has given me a wider view of research and writing. Furthermore, it has given me an irreplaceable set of time-management skills. I hope to use the skills I have accrued in the long, but rewarding journey that goes into introducing a new novel to the bookshelf.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications with you in more detail. I will be returning to New York for my Spring Break mid-March and will be available for an on-site interview. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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