

How it Works

Surrogate Press® Publishing Services

We publish your book, you own the rights and receive all the profits.

We are here to bring your book to life. With the complex, sometimes perplexing world of publishing, bringing your story to market can seem daunting, even unattainable. But with Surrogate Press, we provide the publishing services, bring your book to market, and you take over from there.

With complete management over marketing and distribution, along with receiving ALL the profits* you have the control of the success of your book.

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Book Content and Layout:

- Submit your approved manuscript. (We may require that you have your manuscript reviewed by our partner organization – The Memoir Midwife – for content, consistency, and quality.)
- Decide on the format that's best for your book – paperback, hardcopy, black and white, color, etc. We use Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) for paperback and Kindle eBooks and will recommend printers for hardcopy books.
- Work with our designers to determine the layout, style, and formatting of your book. (Books are required to use our layout services to ensure consistent quality, proper formatting, and timely, affordable production.)
- Work with a designer to create the cover for your book. We can recommend designers.
- Upload your completed book file to the printer. We will coordinate with the printer of choice to ensure the proper file formatting.
- You will order and pay for any proofs. We will modify if necessary, change fees may apply.
- Finalize the files for printing and availability.
- Set up your eBook in Kindle format through our layout services.

Publishing Needs and Requirements:

- As your publishing company, we take care of the publishing requirements, listed below.
- We file the copyright for your manuscript, in your name. We send you the final copyright certificate along with other correspondence and filing notices.
- Help you decide on the BISAC (Book Industry Standards and Communications) code to determine the category for your book.
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- File for a Library of Congress Control Number and submit your book for their catalogue. This adds your book to the US Library of Congress database. You are required to send us two copies of the final book.
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Accounts and Sales:

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- You receive a sales sheet with information about your book that you can then print and distribute to potential wholesale buyers.
- To sell books yourself, we will show you how to order and pay for books through KDP (at the manufacturing price) to then distribute – for sales to friends and family, at events, or to local bookstores.
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- If you need, we will help you with your Author Bio so that readers can know more about you.
- Free resources on marketing and distribution tips.

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