

Why publishing through EIP

Or why you should self-publish your book

If you can make the print and/or e-book files ready by yourself (or with a little help), there is no reason for you not to self-publish.

An author can publish their own books and that is so great! There is a learning curve though and not two print/publishers (the one who prints and publishes your book) require the same and have the same features.

During my time as a self-publisher and publisher I have learned a lot. There has been a lot of things I do differently now than in the beginning. Even to know the steps in the process is a great release and one can be much more relaxed.

I would not ask a person to let me publish their book. Self-publishing is a great part of the whole experience of bringing one's story into the world. BUT I can offer it, depending on what the person wants. I had pointed people in another direction that better suits their needs.

If you self-publish for the first time, you may have some vague idea of what your book should look like. I can help to get that idea into reality. There is the whole challenge of formatting the book-block and the cover into usable files for the printer/publisher. OR the author could use some printer's online templates which leave little choice. It is a 'take it or leave it'. I have seen no great work from that part, but I must expect they will get better. That is why I do the editing/setup myself.

I have been beta-tester on Ingram Sparks coming online publishing editor, and I felt limited in my choices (but could pass on my wishes). Well, not it was that bad, but mostly limited. I can't get what I want, I will only get what their templates and system allow. The same goes for Amazon's Kindle Direct which has just merged with Createspace.

I make the files and send them to Ingram Spark that sends the e-book link and info to resellers and keeps the files for the printed book, ready to when someone orders a book. I can order myself or if a customer or let us say Amazon (or another retailer) orders a book, the order will go from Amazon to Ingram Spark that will print, ship it and receive payment for the book. Later I get the net payment. If I publish for another, I will forward the accumulated payment.

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