

SELF-PUBLISHING CHECKLIST

A Step-by-Step Guide to Publishing Your First Book

FINISH YOUR MANUSCRIPT

- Complete your book, revise thoroughly, and ensure it's the best it can be before handing it off to an editor.

INVEST IN EDITING

- Hire a professional editor or use editing tools like Grammarly and AutoCrit. Don't skip this step—it's key to a polished book.

FORMAT FOR EBOOK AND PRINT

- Use online tools or programs to format your ebook and print files. Kindle Create is a good place to start. Ensure your file meets platform requirements.

DESIGN YOUR COVER

- Research your genre's cover trends. Work with a professional designer or use Canva to create something that stands out.

CHOOSE A PRINT-ON-DEMAND PLATFORM

- Amazon KDP is great for beginners. IngramSpark and Barnes & Noble Press offer broader reach. Decide what fits your goals.

UPLOAD YOUR FILES AND ADD METADATA

- Prepare and upload your interior and cover files. Carefully enter your book title, description, keywords, and pricing.

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PLAN YOUR LAUNCH

- Start building buzz early. Share sneak peeks, build an email list, and post consistently across social platforms.

CELEBRATE AND KEEP GOING

- Hit publish and take a moment to be proud. Then, start planning your next book or marketing push.