



CheckPoint
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Author's Guide

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the CheckPoint Press *free* author's guide.

CheckPoint Press aims to utilise the best of traditional publishing standards with the advantages of modern technology. Accordingly, we offer two forms of quality services: (i) No-fees traditional-style contracts for deserving authors (see pages 5 & 26), and (ii) low-cost self-publishing services for quality manuscripts, including full-or-part colour books, and e-books.

It is important that you read through this document carefully before emailing us with specific questions, or entering into contract with us. This is one of the ways we keep administration costs down, and pass those savings to our clients.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please note: all manuscripts must pass an editorial appraisal before becoming eligible for inclusion in the CheckPoint Press library. Please see page 11 for instructions on how to submit your manuscript for appraisal.



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OVERVIEW

CheckPoint Press is an author services and publishing company. We are here to help you, the author, publish your work.

We will do our very best to ensure that you and your work are treated with professional respect and courtesy throughout.

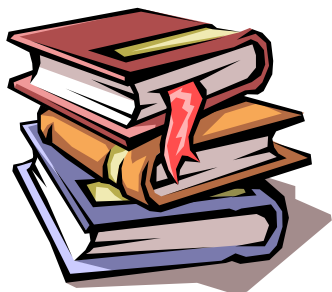
We use innovative Print-On-Demand (POD) technology to ensure expedient, cost-effective and eco-friendly publishing practices.

Our aim is to guide the prospective author as smoothly as possible through the complex decisions involved in book publishing.

We have found the key to efficiency and cost-effectiveness is to allow the author to do what he or she does best, and then allow each respective specialist involved in the book-production process to apply their skills and expertise with the minimum of interventions. In other words, you write and polish your manuscript. Then we work alongside you to produce a quality book you can be proud of.

Just as with long-established traditional publishing houses; in the great majority of cases it is usually not necessary to go into lengthy and detailed technical discussions with each and every author concerning the multiple choices available to each and every book designer, printer, publisher, distributor, wholesaler and retailer involved in the book-production process. For unless the author is familiar with these processes and can specify precisely what they require; engaging in unnecessary technical discussions can result in confusion, takes up valuable time, and may push the cost and viability of the process beyond practical limits.

Having said this however, we do of course remain open to discussing any aspect of book production that will help you feel more comfortable with our service, and we hope that this basic guide will help to answer most of your questions. Please understand though that the more complicated or drawn-out the book production process becomes – the more costly it becomes.



Therefore, we respectfully suggest that you, as the prospective author, should focus primarily on ensuring the literary quality of the manuscript before sending it to us. If your manuscript meets CheckPoint Press standards, we will then return a digital proof-sample of the proposed interior style for you to view before going any further. If it does not meet our standards, then we will advise accordingly. This is all part of our 'Free Consultation' service before any agreement is signed, so you have absolutely nothing to lose... but please ensure you submit your manuscript according to our submission guidelines on page 11 of this guide. Thank you.

Now please read on to see what a great deal we are offering to prospective authors..



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IMPORTANT!

Please read this general overview of the publishing industry first.

Most authors approach publishers without fully understanding the way the publishing industry works. Accordingly, there is a considerable amount of confusion on the part of the prospective author, which can – and often does – put the author in a disadvantaged position when dealing with prospective publishers.

Currently, there are two main approaches to getting your book published and 'into the system'; (i) the long established 'traditional publishing' model, and (ii) modern Print-On-Demand (or POD) publishing. Without a clear grasp of the differences between these two publishing models, many authors fail to understand exactly what it is they are applying for when they submit their manuscripts for appraisal. The following table will hopefully illustrate the key differences, and the respective advantages and disadvantages of the two competing models, and therefore help the prospective author make the right decisions, without getting embroiled in costly delays and confusion, and without falling prey to the many unscrupulous operators who would so willingly separate you from your cash.

A third publishing option not covered in the table below is that of self-financed self-publishing, whereby the author engages a printer directly to print a run of books. This option however, is only suitable for those who do NOT need their books readily available in bookstores for ordering, dispatch and delivery worldwide. The following comparisons may include some generalisations. Not all publishing companies of course, will fall precisely and exactly into one of these categories.

	Long-Established Traditional Publishing Model	New and Innovative Print-On-Demand Publishing
1	Began with the invention of the European printing press in 1440	Began with the advent of modern digital technology in the late 20 th Century
2	Uses large ink-and-paper printing machines, type-set plates and/or lithographic plates	Uses compact laser printers and computer-generated digital files
3	From manuscript to publication usually takes many months	Book files that are 'print ready' can be turned into a new book in days
4	Uses a host of middlemen and a series of technical and mechanical steps to prepare the book for printing	Can be prepared for printing by one well-informed and capable person. No mechanical aspect or related costs are involved in the preparation stages
5	Needs to print numerous copies upfront in order to get price-per-copy down to a reasonable retail figure per unit	Can print just one copy at a time and still have a reasonable retail figure per unit
6	Needs a physical storage facility (warehouse) for the inventory whilst awaiting distribution	No storage is required, as book files are purely digital and can therefore be 'stored' on any computer.
7	Needs a physical distribution network to transport the books (warehouses, trucks, drivers etc) Costs are paid upfront by publisher.	Uses existing distribution networks (such as Amazon.com / Ingrams etc) to move orders. Costs are paid by customers when they purchase your book.

8	Needs a sales and marketing department to ensure the books are taken up by high street bookstores	Relies chiefly upon internet sales and marketing such as Amazon.com, and the direct promotions of the author and publisher (in some cases) to generate sales
9	Needs to sell the bulk of the pre-printed books in order to justify the cost of the print run in the first place – or face a financial loss.	Doesn't have to sell any books at all in order to justify the creation of the book in the first place (such as private family memoirs etc)
10	Publisher assumes all the costs, and may even forward an advance to the author (which is later deducted from net profits and royalties)	Most POD publishers require the author to pay them for their services. Other POD publishers (such as CheckPoint Press) may enter into 'partnership publishing' or even offer free 'traditional' contracts and then share the royalties with the author
11	Because of the considerable upfront costs and investment undertaken by the publisher, the author usually surrenders all their legal rights and most of their royalties	Because of the relatively modest <u>upfront</u> costs (no costly inventory; no paper-and-ink; no extra staff etc), author <u>should</u> keep most rights and bulk of royalties, depending upon contract terms, and the ethics of the POD publisher
12	Publisher assumes full control of book and its future (films, sequels etc), and strives to profit to the maximum. Royalties paid to authors are rarely more than 10%. (CheckPoint Press pays up to 80%)	Publisher (if they are ethical) negotiates fair terms with the author that reflects the realities of POD publishing; receives fair compensation regarding the genuine investment of the publisher (in time, skills and costs); and rewards the author fairly
13	Book will usually be available for ordering to all bookstores worldwide, and will usually have some physical copies in high-street bookstores at some point in their history	Books will also be available for ordering to all bookstores worldwide, but will usually NOT be placed in high-street bookstores. However, this <u>can</u> be done, although there are certain extra costs, expenses and contractual obligations to consider
14	High-street bookstores demand discounts of up to 60% off the retail price before giving up shelf space, and non-selling books either have to be recycled, destroyed or returned to the publisher	To negotiate up to 60% discounts with high street bookstores; then print unsold books upfront; then pay for the return of unsold books somewhat defeats the whole concept of POD (print-on-demand) publishing
15	Unsold books have to be returned to the publisher – or destroyed – at the publisher's expense	Under normal conditions, no POD book gets printed until <u>after</u> it has been paid for. Therefore, no returns or related costs are generated
16	Because of the need to make substantial book sales, and because most sales occur when customers handle the product personally, the overall 'quality' of the book itself is more-or-less guaranteed. Professional book designers, editors and type-setters will all have played their part in constructing a quality product	Because most POD publishers make their money upfront for 'author services' (vs actual book sales), there are few guarantees that your book will be produced to industry standards. Also, unscrupulous publishers will often mislead the aspiring author into thinking they can 'place' the book into high street bookstores, simply by getting the author to pay more fees. This is a deliberate scam. Please be aware!
17	Books need to be commercially viable – at least to the point where they cover their considerable set-up costs and make some profit for the publisher. Accordingly, many 'worthy' manuscripts do not get accepted, and many questionable ones do – as long as they have the potential to make money for the publisher	Because of the relatively low set-up costs (compared to traditional publishing), non commercially-viable books (such as personal memoirs for example) can be produced regardless of the sales potential and STILL remain available to bookstores worldwide. In short, a POD book need not be a potential 'bestseller' to justify its creation. But here at CheckPoint Press we believe it should still be a quality product

So.. Traditional Contract or Paid Self-Publishing?

(For e-books please contact us directly)

CheckPoint Press offers two main choices to qualifying authors (please see our submissions standards on page 11). So the first decision you need to make is which of these two options best suits you? Generally speaking, fiction, poetry and personal memoirs will not qualify for a traditional contract.

Candidates for the traditional contract program might include academic works; professional social commentaries; text books; instruction manuals; interesting / famous biographies; second editions of previous good sellers; political commentaries; or indeed any book that we believe has 'something special to say' and deserves to be published..

Traditional Contract	Paid Self-Publishing
No fees to qualifying authors	All-inclusive prices starting from only €300
3-year (negotiable) contracts	Choice of three publishing packages
CheckPoint Press guides the publishing process	Author guides the publishing process
50% net royalties	80% net royalties
Rights revert to author at contract's end	Author keeps all rights

'NO FEES' TRADITIONAL CONTRACTS..

If your work meets our quality standards in theme, content, and technical merit, we may offer you a 'traditional' publishing contract. This means that if we see exceptional merit and/or commercial promise in your work, we will undertake to produce your book at our expense under agreed conditions (see page 26).

Negotiable Contracts

The usual term of a CheckPoint Press traditional publishing contract is three years at 50% royalties. But we remain open to negotiations.

Up to 50% Royalties

50% royalties is a very healthy slice of profits for a traditionally-published author (the average in the industry would be 7%). In some cases, this figure may be adjusted to accommodate the costs of additional preparatory work on our part - or the sales potential of any given book.

Regular Payments

Royalties are paid quarterly; April, July, October and January, along with a detailed CheckPoint Press statement. Original book-sales statements will be made available on request.

Files Revert to Author at Contract's End

Once the contract is terminated (for any reason) all original files of your work will be returned to you unconditionally. Digital files of the published book can also be secured at a nominal rate commensurate with the original set-up costs to CheckPoint Press.

SELF-PUBLISHING PACKAGES AT A FRACTION OF THE COST..

Traditionally, from completed manuscript to books-in-hand usually costs thousands. At CheckPoint Press, we produce books from start to finish at a fraction of that cost, with all-inclusive self-publishing packages starting from only £180 UK pounds, €200 Euros, or \$300 US dollars. Furthermore, you may purchase your own books one-at-a time or by the truckload at just 20% over direct production costs.

High Quality..

All potential manuscripts are pre-screened for content and quality, and published books are finished to the highest industry standards. A CheckPoint Press book is a book to be proud of.

Author Friendly..

You and your manuscript will be treated with courtesy and respect throughout. We will respond to emails promptly. We will keep you informed of progress on your book, and you the author, have the final say on all major decisions.

Fast & Efficient..

No more waiting for months or years. Once we have signed an agreement, we promise to turn your print-ready files into a professional book in 40 days or less - often much quicker than this – depending of course on the complexity of the process.

Worldwide Circulation, Distribution and Delivery..

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Author Keeps All Rights & 80% Royalties!

You may do whatever you wish with your finished book - including withdrawing it from our system should you choose to do so. As far as royalties are concerned - we believe we are offering the very best deal in the business, paying the author 80% of pure net royalties. In other words, no inflated production costs, no hidden extras, no complicated formulas. The author gets a straightforward 80% of whatever we get paid by retailers and wholesalers, and all backed up with original invoices. If you compare these generous rates and fiscal transparency to other self-publishing services – not to mention our dedication to book quality and client relations – this simply HAS to be the best deal in the business!

THREE SELF-PUBLISHING PACKAGES – MAKE YOUR CHOICE

We keep our costs down by offering three easy-to-understand packages from only €200 Euro (UK £180 / US \$300) as detailed below:

Please remember that we only publish quality books, and your manuscript must pass our (free) quality appraisal before acceptance (see page 9)

- **Our BASIC PACKAGE** – for private paperback or hardback books *not* intended for the general retail market
- **Our STANDARD PACKAGE** – for paperbacks intended for the general retail market and worldwide distribution
- **Our CUSTOM PACKAGE** (for all other options, including colour books and e-books)

At €200 (Euro), the Basic Package is for you if...

You only need to produce a few non-retail copies of your work (an academic thesis or dissertation, research projects etc..)

You only intend to produce a handful of copies of your book to give to friends and family (personal memoirs, poetry, a family history etc.)

You already have a definite market you can sell to without using our distribution service (teachers-to-students, lecturers-to-attendees etc)

You have no interest in putting your work into the international marketplace (e.g. an internal instruction manual for employees etc..)

You are considering upgrading to the Standard or Custom packages at a later date

At €300 (Euro), the Standard Package is for you if...

Your book needs a high-impact full-colour cover (see example far right)

You intend to sell your book through traditional retail channels

You want the book available via Ingrams, Easons, Amazon.com etc..

You want the seven free copies offered with this package

You are building a career as a writer

From only €250 (Euro) the Custom package is for you if...

You want a hardcover book

You want a book in a different size

You want a book with a colour interior

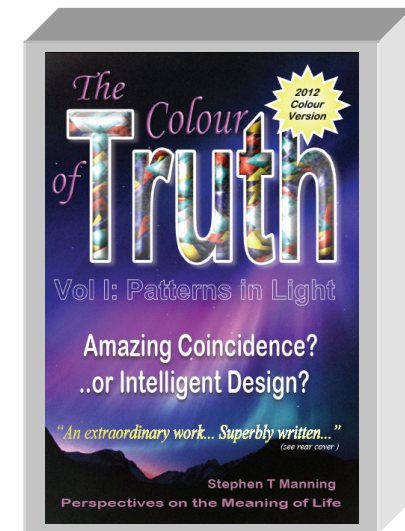
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Your manuscript is in a language other than English

Your book contains less than 80 or more than 400 pages (after interior formatting)

Your book contains multiple charts, diagrams, or other content requiring special formatting

You are submitting an existing book or finished manuscript to be scanned into our production and distribution system



If you are not sure which package you need, just send your manuscript to the editor for an initial assessment as part of our FREE appraisal service

Basic Package €200 Euro (UK £180 / US \$300) *Remember, you can also opt for the ‘Traditional Contract’ which is FREE to the author*

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5.5 x 8.5 or 6 x 9	80—200	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes

Standard Package €300 Euro (UK £260 / US \$420)

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5.5 x 8.5 or 6 x 9	80—200	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Our Custom Package is primarily for those wishing to produce any other type of book NOT covered by our Basic or Standard Packages.

Theoretically, we are able to produce any type of book that you would normally find in your local bookstore. This may include full-colour books; books in larger or smaller trim sizes; books with special paper types; hardcover and jacketed books; or books that require extra work including full editing; proofreading; inserting multiple images, diagrams or charts; or custom-made covers etc. We can also take existing titles or printed documents and scan them into our system to create a brand new book, and as technology advances we hope to keep abreast of any new techniques or services entering the marketplace.

Custom Packages are set up directly with the editor, and prices agreed before work commences. Naturally, if you only wish to make some small change or addition to the Basic or Standard Packages, such as wanting a full-colour glossy cover with a Basic book—or inserting an extra image in a Standard book for instance—we will of course work with you with the minimum of fuss, and simply add any extra charges as detailed in this Author’s Guide – or maybe even do it for free!

Submission Standards and Guidelines

To protect our high standards, CheckPoint Press will only accept original manuscripts (or part-manuscripts) that are submitted in accordance with the following guidelines. Dissertations, theses, print-ready PDF's or second editions of previously printed books are exempt from these guidelines. Please ensure your manuscript has been properly edited and proofread before submission. Thank you.

1. Your manuscript should be submitted as a digital file capable of being read and edited on a PC. Files currently accepted are; Microsoft Word documents; Serif Page Plus documents; Open Office documents; PDF documents – either by email attachment, or a mailed-in CD.
2. Do not password-protect or otherwise restrict access to the document.
3. Your submission must contain the following, also submitted as digital files:
 - (i) A one-page (or less) synopsis / description of your book.
 - (ii) A provisional Table of Contents.
 - (iii) The first and last chapters of your proposed manuscript (or the whole manuscript).
 - (iv) A brief resume of the author detailing your expertise in the subject area of your manuscript.
 - (v) (In the case of books seeking a traditional contract) – a detailed marketing plan outlining your target audience and the resources you are willing to invest in book promotion.
4. We are happy to receive professionally formatted print-ready files, but otherwise request that manuscript files are submitted as per '1' above, as simple text documents, with minimal additional formatting.
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KEY TO PACKAGE TABLE TERMS

Trim Size

This is the size of the finished book as displayed on bookshelves. Our Basic and Standard Packages work with the two most popular paperback book sizes: 5.5 x 8.5 inches (216 x 140 mm) and 6 x 9 inches (229 x 152 mm). Other trim sizes will come under the Custom Package and should be arranged directly with the editor. For the full range of book sizes available, please view the table on page 20 of this guide.

Page Count

This is determined by the amount of pages in the finished book – NOT the number of pages in your original manuscript. You will only know how many pages are in your finished book *after* we have completed the interior design and formatting. But as a general guide, if you have typed your manuscript double-spaced on A4-size paper using a No. 12 font for example, the number of pages in the finished book will be less than those of your unformatted manuscript. A page of text in a finished 6 x 9 book constitutes approximately 2,500 characters: ('characters' includes letters, spaces and punctuation). If you check the 'properties' of your manuscript and divide your characters' total by 2,500, you should get a good approximation of the number of text pages in the finished book – but please allow for front and end materials; title pages; diagrams; half pages and blank pages etc. Although the Basic and Standard packages are designed for books of between 80 to 200 pages, we can also accommodate from 48 up to 740 pages.

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Interior Design & Formatting

This is where we take your digital manuscript and 'fit' it to suit professional publishing standards. This includes choosing the appropriate fonts and spacing for different parts of the book; sizing pages to fit printing specifications; adding running heads and page numbers; inserting dropped capitals for chapters; formatting the Table of Contents...and eventually sending the results back to you for your approval before moving on to the cover design. Don't worry if these terms sound like a foreign language. You will always get to see the finished product before we make any final decisions.

Cover Design

This is part of our inclusive package. For books NOT intended for the retail market, cover design can remain relatively straightforward. This is why we offer simple-and-inexpensive two-colour covers for the Basic Package. For books intended for the retail market or for public distribution however, you would be ill-advised not to opt for a full-colour glossy cover. Unfortunately, unless you are formally trained in the process and have the required software on your home computer, the chances of the prospective author being able to design their own cover to industry specifications is highly unlikely. So, unless you request otherwise, CheckPoint Press will design a full-colour cover for your book in line with the theme or content of the

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SEVEN EASY STEPS TO PUBLISH YOUR BOOK

Step 1: You send your completed manuscript to us as per the submission guidelines on page 11 of this author's guide

But before you do so, consider whether or not your manuscript needs a professional edit. If your book is intended for the public domain, then professional editing is probably the most important part of manuscript preparation, but if writing poetry or producing a family memoir for example; then a thorough personal editing should suffice. Our FREE appraisal service will inform you if your manuscript needs further editing before acceptance, but if in doubt, please have a suitably-qualified person check it out first.

Editing: Includes ensuring the manuscript is written to an acceptable level of proficiency including checking spelling, grammar, syntax, paragraph construction, chapter positioning, and the overall general 'flow' of the book. Editing should be carried out by a suitably qualified source such as a professional writer, editor, or college professor. CheckPoint Press offers professional editing services as an optional extra (outsourced to independent editors) but this can become quite expensive, and will add time to the book production process; (see 'extra services' on the CheckPoint Press website for more details).

Send your edited manuscript by email attachment to editor@checkpointpress.com using the title of your book as a heading. If you need to send more than one file, then please name each in sequence in a manner that can be easily understood. For example: mybooktitle1; mybooktitle2; mybooktitle3 etc.. Pictures, diagrams, charts and tables should; (i) either be placed in the digital file of the manuscript exactly where intended, or (ii) should be sent as separate attachments, clearly labelled, with their exact location clearly identified in the main document. For example: mybooktableA, mybooktableB; mybookpicture1, mybookdiagram2; mybookchart3 etc..

Except for the full-colour cover, pictures and photos for the interior of the book will be reproduced as greyscale in the Basic and Standard Packages. All images need to be in a high resolution, preferably 300-600dpi. If you want to place colour pictures in the main book, then please contact the editor directly by phone or email to discuss the options available.

Step 2: We review the manuscript and advise on book size, interior design, price etc..

FREE Manuscript Appraisal: Upon receipt of the manuscript we first of all check the general quality of the work. If editing is required we will advise accordingly before going further. If no further editing is required, we will offer suggestions on the most suitable size for the book, and return a digital sample of your work as it will appear in the finished book. *(Please note: submissions must comply with the standards and guidelines as described on page 11 of this Author's Guide. Thank you.)*

Once we are agreed on size, format and style, we then agree on the respective prices, specifically:

- (a) The initial cost of setting up your POD title (which is almost always within the package prices quoted on page 7)*
- (b) The retail sale price of your finished book (if applicable)*
- (c) The cost per book to you the author when ordering via CheckPoint Press (currently 20% over printing costs)*
- (d) The discount % given to wholesalers who order your book for the retail and Internet trade (currently 25-30%)*

Step 3: You fill out our Standard Agreement Form and mail to us with 50% deposit

Once we are agreed on the general details and prices, you send a signed [Client-Publisher Agreement](#) to us (also found on the website) along with 50% deposit of the set-up cost. The agreement is considered 'active' once the deposit is lodged. Naturally, the 50% deposit is not refundable if you decide to cancel the agreement after this point, under your own volition. However, if you do wish to make some changes to the agreement, we will do our best to accommodate you. Any such changes must be done in writing or by email. Due to administration costs, there may be an appropriate charge for any such alterations.

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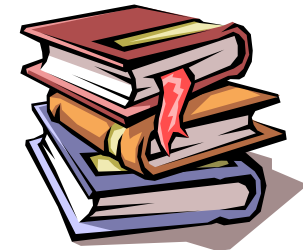


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