



# Resources for Writers

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## Find Your Tribe

### Conferences, classes, workshops, critique groups

- Writers Connection Guide, PNW resources: <https://www.writersconnection.org/pacific-northwest-resources>
- The Write Life, List of Conferences: <https://thewritelife.com/writers-conferences/>
- SelfPubCon, Indie Conference: <https://selfpublishingadviceconference.com>
- Alliance of Independent Authors (Alli), advocacy and services: <https://www.allianceindependentauthors.org>
- Independent Book Publishers Association: <https://www.ibpa-online.org>
- Book Reviews and Awards for Indie Presses: <https://www.forewordreviews.com>

### Kidlit specific resources

- SCBWI: <https://www.scbwi.org>
- KIDLIT411: <http://www.kidlit411.com>
- KIDLIT411 (Facebook) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KIDLIT411/>
- THE CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW: <https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com>
- TOP 100 CHILDREN'S BOOK BLOGS, WEBSITES AND INFLUENCERS, 2021: [https://blog.feedspot.com/childrens\\_book\\_blogs/](https://blog.feedspot.com/childrens_book_blogs/)

# Interior Layout



- Ingram Spark: <https://www.ingramspark.com/design-a-book>
- Pages (Mac): <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/pages/id409201541?ls=1&mt=12>
- Word (Mac and PC): <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/create-a-booklet-or-book-in-word-dfd94694-fa4f-4c71-a1c7-737c31539e4a>
- Affinity Publishing: <https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/publisher/>
- InDesign: <https://www.adobe.com/products/indesign.html>
- Adobe PDF (making “print-ready” PDFs): <https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/acrobat/complete-pdf-solution.html>
- Picture book template: <https://www.debbieohi.com/pbcreation>



# Cover and Social Media Design Apps

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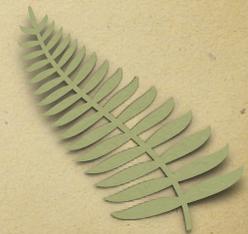
- Adobe Spark: <https://spark.adobe.com>
- Book Brush: <https://bookbrush.com>
- PosterMyWall: <https://www.postermywall.com>
- Placeit: <https://placeit.net>
- Canva: <https://www.canva.com>
- Blurb Bookwright: <https://www.blurb.com>
- Visme: <https://www.visme.co>
- GIMP: <https://www.gimp.org>

## Website Makers, Social Media Templates and Photo Editing

- Wix: <https://www.wix.com>
- Visme: <https://www.visme.co>
- Lunatic templates: <https://www3.lunapic.com/editor/>
- Canva: (DIY online design for book covers and social media) <https://www.canva.com>
- Squarespace: <https://www.squarespace.com>
- GIMP: <https://www.gimp.org>

## Freelance Editors, Illustrators and Cover Designers

- Reedsy: <https://reedsy.com/#/freelancers>
- Fiverr: <https://www.fiverr.com>
- Freelancer: <https://www.freelancer.com>
- Upwork: <https://www.upwork.com>
- You can also reach out to Facebook groups in your book's genre and ask



## Online Assets



- Creative Market, fonts, templates, illustrations, digital brushes: <https://creativemarket.com>
- Procreate, draw, sketch and paint app: <https://procreate.art>
- Rhymezone, an online rhyming dictionary: <https://www.rhymezone.com>
- Debbie Ohi website - excellent website with resources for kids' book writers: <https://www.debbieohi.com>
- Publisher Compensation Calculator (Ingram Spark): <https://myaccount.ingramspark.com/Portal/Tools/PubCompCalculator>
- Reedsy blog: <https://blog.reedsy.com/how-to-write-a-novel/>
- Scrivener word processor and outlining tool: <https://www.literatureandlatte.com/scrivener/overview>
- Scapple brainstorming tool: <https://www.literatureandlatte.com/scapple/overview>

## Fonts

Be sure to use fonts with a “commercial” license

- Google fonts: <https://fonts.google.com> (Free fonts for commercial use)
- Da Font: <https://www.dafont.com> (Many free for personal use, some commercial. Look closely.)
- Font Squirrel: <https://www.fontsquirrel.com> (Many free fonts for commercial use)



## Independent Publishers/Small Presses

- Reedsy: <https://blog.reedsy.com/independent-publishers/>

## Places to independently publish your book

- Ingram Spark: <https://www.ingramspark.com>
- KDP (Amazon Publishing): [https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/)
- Lulu: <https://www.lulu.com>
- Blurb: <https://www.blurb.com>
- Book Baby: <https://www.bookbaby.com>



# Helpful Books

- How to Self-Publish a Children's Book by Yvonne Jones, 2018: <https://amzn.to/3e79sQ0>
- 5 Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Children's Book Mistakes by Margaret Meacham, 2019: <https://www.writermag.com/improve-your-writing/writing-for-young-readers/childrens-book-mistakes/>
- The Emotion Thesaurus by Angela Ackerman, 2019: <https://amzn.to/30b9Apq>
- Roget's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Thesaurus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition: <https://amzn.to/3kG6zGQ>
- The 2021 Publishing Planner: A Tool for Self-Published Authors: <https://www.amazon.com/2021-Publishing-Planner-Months-Dated/dp/1952108012>

## Important Details as You Publish



- Buying an ISBN with Bowker: <http://www.bowker.com/authors>
- Create an ISBN Barcode with Bookow (free, tips accepted): <https://www.bookow.com/resources.php#isbn-barcode-generator>
- Library of Congress Control Number (LCCN), register your book, it's free. This should be listed on your book's copyright page.: <https://authoru.org/authors-how-to-get-your-lccn-library-of-congress-number.html>
- Interlibrary Loan/ Purchase Request. Ask your library to carry your book, which is easier if you use Ingram Spark and have an assigned LCCN. <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/services/requesting-title.htm>
- Proper Metadata Tags: <https://www.ingramspark.com/book-metadata-course-description>

## Awards for Indie Authors

- BookBub List of Indie Awards: <https://insights.bookbub.com/book-awards/>
- Publishers Weekly List of Indie Awards: <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/authors/pw-select/article/65571-diy-book-awards-for-self-published-authors.html>

"WE ARE OFF! AND DO WE KNOW IT, NOT JUST BECAUSE THE WORLD IS YELLING 'LIFTOFF' IN OUR EARS, BUT BECAUSE THE SEATS OF OUR PANTS TELL US SO! TRUST YOUR INSTRUMENTS, NOT YOUR BODY, THE MODERN PILOT IS ALWAYS TOLD, BUT THIS BEAST IS BEST FELT. SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL!" —Michael Collins



"YOUR MIND IS LIKE A PARACHUTE:  
IF IT ISN'T OPEN, IT DOESN'T WORK."

—Buzz Aldrin

"THERE ARE GREAT IDEAS UNDISCOVERED, BREAKTHROUGHS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO CAN REMOVE ONE OF TRUTH'S PROTECTIVE LAYERS. THERE ARE PLACES TO GO BEYOND BELIEF."

—Neil Armstrong