

Writing and Publishing Resources

Below are helpful resources you may want to consider. This is just to get you started. An internet search will also put you in touch with a myriad of resources. Please do your own diligent research since we are not responsible for your own experience with these resources. Please mention to the resource that *Write Your Book e-course from Goll Ideation and David Sluka* provided the recommendation so we can continue to build a relationship with them (many of these are David's contacts). A few provide us a small referral fee, but most are just people or companies we've worked with over the years.

Writers Groups

- There are many. An internet search will lead you to something available in your city. My favorite Facebook group is Christian Authors and Writers at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/27974652447>. The group is private but the moderators will let you join the group as an author. It is a wonderful place for information sharing about writing, editing, proofreading, typesetting the book interior, cover design, printing, publishing, and more.
- <https://christianwriters.com/>
- <https://www.mnchristianwriters.com/>
- Search the internet for "Christian writers group" and the name of your city.

Writers Conference

- The yearly Northwestern Christian Writers Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota, or online: <http://www.northwesternchristianwritersconference.com/>. David Sluka is a faculty member of this conference each year.
- Search the internet for "Christian writers conference."

Book Proposals

- Michael Hyatt's book proposal templates and instructions are outstanding. Search the internet for "Michael Hyatt book proposal template."
- <https://christianbookproposals.com/how-to/create-your-proposal/>
- A few good articles on book proposals: <https://stevelaube.com/the-keys-to-a-great-book-proposal/> and <https://stevelaube.com/category/book-proposals/>
- <https://scribemedi.com/book-proposal-template/>

Agents

- Read <https://christianbookproposals.com/resources/agent/>
- Read <https://michaelhyatt.com/literary-agents-who-represent-christian-authors/>
- Here is a downloadable PDF: <https://michaelhyatt.com/wp->

<content/uploads/2007/11/Literary-Agents-Who-Represent-Christian-Authors.pdf>

- <https://christianliteraryagents.com/>

Transcription Services

- www.rev.com
- If you know a person who can type and is looking for some extra work, ask him or her to transcribe for you. Research rates online to provide a competitive price.

Editing/Proofreading

- The best option is to do some research and find an editor you can trust to care for your voice and message. The Christian Pen is a group of Christian professional editors and proofreaders. Learn more at <https://thechristianpen.com/find-an-editor/>.
- Consider joining the private Facebook group Christian Authors and Writers at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/27974652447>. If you ask for an editor recommendation, a number of people will reach out to you. Some may provide a sample edit for you to view and approve before hiring.
- <https://believersbookservices.com/services/>

Typesetting/Book Interior

- www.theDESKonline.com is always my first choice
- Do it yourself with a book template: <https://www.bookdesigntemplates.com/>
- <https://tallpinebooks.com/>
- <https://believersbookservices.com/services/>
- Ask for recommendations from the Christian Authors and Writers at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/27974652447>

Cover Design

- www.pearcreative.ca is my first choice in cover design
- <https://tallpinebooks.com/>
- <https://believersbookservices.com/services/>
- www.99designs.com or www.fiverr.com
- <https://www.bookdesigntemplates.com/covers/>
- Do it yourself at www.canva.com
- Ask for recommendations from the Christian Authors and Writers at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/27974652447>

E-book Conversion and Distribution

- www.bookbaby.com can convert your manuscript into an e-book file only if you want, which you can then post yourself to kdp.amazon.com. Or they can both convert and

distribute your book.

- <https://www.isbnservices.com/product/ebook-conversion/>
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Audio Books

- <https://tallpinebooks.com/audiobooks/>
- Learn more here: <https://authorsrepublic.com/creation>

Traditional Trade Publishing

Read chapter 15 in the *Write Your Book* e-book, which contains links to helpful articles such as:

- www.michaelhyatt.com/five-publishing-hurdles-and-how-to-clear-them.html
- www.rachellegardner.com/2013/05/all-the-publishing-information-you-ever-wanted/
- <https://www.janefriedman.com/start-here-how-to-get-your-book-published/>
- www.writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/guide-to-literary-agents

Self-Publishing

- Read chapter 16 on how to do it yourself for \$0 in the *Write Your Book* e-book from the e-course downloads.
- Kindle Direct Publishing at <https://kdp.amazon.com/> allows you to do it yourself for free
- Tall Pine Books is an amazing company helping authors to self-publishing, offering a full suite of services: <https://tallpinebooks.com/>
- Speak It to Book is another great company helping Christian writers: <https://www.speakittobook.com/>
- True Potential Media at <https://www.truepotentialmedia.com/publishing-packages/>
- <https://selfpublishing.com/self-publishing-services/>
- <https://self-publishingschool.com/resources/>
- <https://www.selfpublishedauthor.com/>, which is run by Bowker, the official ISBN agency in the US
- [www.bookbaby](http://www.bookbaby.com) has self-publishing services
- Ask for recommendations from the Christian Authors and Writers at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/27974652447>

On-Demand Digital Printing (for smaller print runs)

- www.bookprintondemand.com (They print and ship in three days with great quality. This is my (David's) favorite print-on-demand service.)
- www.48hrbooks.com (They can print and ship same day if needed, but it is much more expensive for rush services. They also do hard cover books print on demand. They have outstanding customer service.)

- <https://believersbookservices.com/services/>
- <https://www.christianprint.com/offering/perfect-bound-book>

Large Quantity Printing (at least 500 copies, but you will see the biggest price breaks 1,000+ copies)

- <https://believersbookservices.com/services/>

Website Design

- www.dualdigitaldesign.com