

# 9 Easy Steps on "How to Publish Your First Book"

Welcome! So you do want to publish your first book and don't know where to start? Well, here are 9 simple steps to get you started:

# 1. Know, Your Why?

First simple step is to have a clear idea of why you want to publish your book. Is it because you are bubbling with ideas and stories which you can't wait to share with the world? Is it to look cool in front of your peers? Or you want to share your kid's creativity to the world? Do you want to become an author one day and don't know where to start? Regardless, having clarity around your why is a good practice before starting anything.

# 2. Type of Book

Having made your decision, the next step is to figure out what type of book you want to write? Is it a chapter book, a picture book, a short story, a poem, collection of small anecdotes, a How-to book or DIY book or something else?

## 3. Topic of the Book

Next step is to figure out what topic you want to write about. Are you passionate about science fiction or children stories or cooking recipes or something else? Find what topics you think and care about a lot. These are the topics on which thoughts would come naturally to you. Remember, everyone has something to offer to this world, you just need to know yours!

## 4. Audience for your Book

It is always a good idea to have a sense of your book's target audience. Are you writing for young children, grown-ups, home moms, tech enthusiasts, students or professionals? Having this clarity will help you focus your content on the right audience. Most books appeal to a certain audience, so know yours!



# 5. Book Writing

Next step is about the actual writing of the book. It can be as fun or as tedious as you make it. If you have followed previous steps well, then you are likely going to have fun writing your first book!

In this step you just start with writing something, even a few lines is a good start but be sure to document them. You can start on a pen and a paper or even behind a paper napkin if some ideas come to you in a coffee shop. As you start jotting down ideas you will be amazed how much more you have to say, write and share than you originally thought. Also, in this phase keep your eyes and ears open, and be close to nature. You are attracting ideas and you want to keep all doors open!

# 6. Book Compilation

As you have written a few pages, the next step would be to see if the flow is there. Will your target audience understand it? Imagine a text where someone is reading your book and keeps turning to the next page without realizing it. That is your benchmark that you have a flow, and a coherent tied up book! This step may take a lot of time and many iterations. You may have to scrap some stuff which made so much sense earlier. This is the phase of writing and rewriting again until it is in decent shape. Patience is very key in this step.

### 7. Illustrations

They say a picture is worth a thousand words! If it is a chapter book you might have a few images in the title of the book, or on the other hand in a picture book you will have too many illustrations. Regardless, choosing an appealing image or illustration would go a long way in making your book stand out and be memorable to your audience. Even your own drawing could be a starting point. So don't hesitate and draw it out.

#### Book Feedback

At this stage you have a decent book and you are ready for peer feedback. On one hand show your book to all age groups and backgrounds of people. By their reaction you will reconfirm your target audience. Sometimes you may be surprised that your book, though written for children, is appealing to a varied type of audience. On the other hand, surely get focused feedback from your specific targeted audience.

Also, at any time during your book writing process, you should and can take feedback from your near and dear ones. These could be your parents, siblings, close friends, girl



friend, a neighbor or school buddy. Just ensure they are the ones whom you trust to give you constructive feedback and who will not discourage you!

# 9. Keep At It!

Congratulations! You have made it to the big hurdle of getting started, to writing and rewriting, to having something decent. Now is the time to refine it into a finished book. This is where you can take professional help to go through the process of getting your book published.

We at Passion Pixies are always there to help you in this process. So feel free to share your story at any stage and we can surely help you out, at <a href="mailto:info@passionpixies.com">info@passionpixies.com</a> Also do let us know how helpful this e-Book was in getting you started on your book publishing journey!

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