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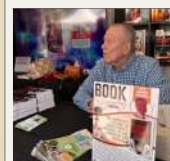
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Author of *Who Am I?*

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INTRODUCTION

There are two types of publishing: traditional publishing and self-publishing. Self-publishing is a form of publishing wherein the author has all the rights to the book. Also, in this type of publishing, a traditional publisher is not involved, as it is also referred to as independent publishing.

You, the author, may invest or fund your work to produce numerous copies of the book and distribute it nationwide and worldwide. You can publish a book anytime and as many books as you want, as it only takes a short time to process. It is very efficient, and you don't have to worry, as you will not be alone on this path.

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PART 1

START THE JOURNEY



To publish a book, you will need a manuscript. A manuscript is a composition or a document that is bound for publication. This will be your weapon to achieve your dreams. However, creating it is not an easy process. Writing may seem easy, but there are many factors to consider before it.

BRAINSTORM YOUR Masterpiece

Every story, whether a fictional novel, academic book, self-help book, etc., starts with the creation of an idea. This is the prewriting stage, where you generate ideas and create an outline for your narrative. At this stage, you need to consider the topic, audience, and purpose of your writing.



Outline the idea or flow of the narrative you want to write. Doing so will help you track where your narrative is going. Outlining organizes your thoughts, allowing ideas to flow smoothly, so don't forget to jot them down.



PUT INTO ACTION



Turn your ideas into words on paper. This is the stage where you write or type the rough draft of your story or paper. It's like applying the flesh of your narrative to its skeleton (the outline). During this phase, focus on writing without worrying about grammar or editing—those can be addressed later. Just write freely, as this stage reveals your strengths, weaknesses, and blank spots.

Once you've created a rough draft, it's time to rework the story. This is where you revise, making significant changes to the plot, characters, and removing unnecessary parts or plotlines for improvement. As you revise, ask yourself key questions: Does the story impact the audience? Is it moving forward? What areas need further work?

After revising, either edit the narrative yourself or hire someone to do so. Even after revisions, editing is crucial. You'll need to check for repetition, missing or inappropriate words, punctuation errors, and ensure correct grammar. Editing should be done multiple times, as some mistakes may not be obvious on the first pass.



PART 2

SHARE YOUR STORY

TURN YOUR DREAM TO *Reality*

Writing may never seem easy as you navigate ups and downs, experiencing a range of emotions while writing. However, if it's your passion, dream, or source of happiness, why not push through? Writers have different goals and purposes for their narratives. Some write to inspire or help, others to entertain, and some simply want to see their manuscript turned into a physical book.

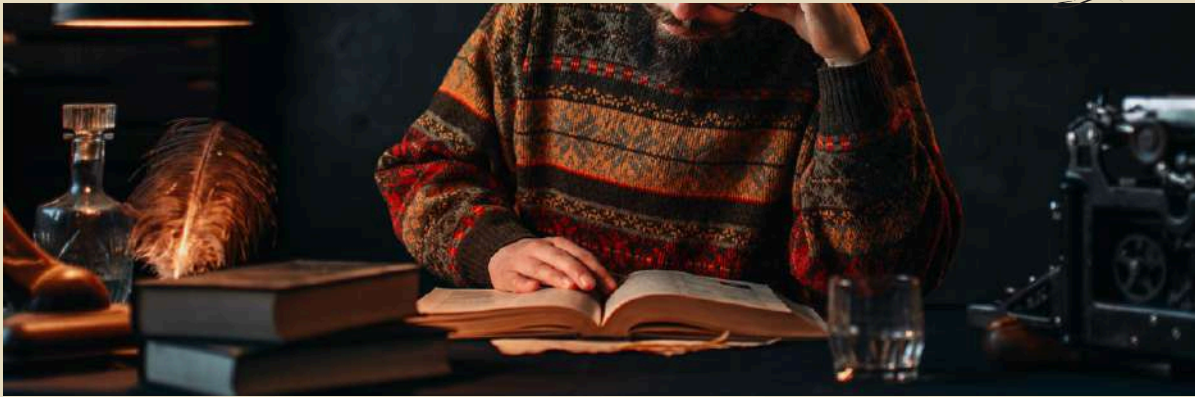
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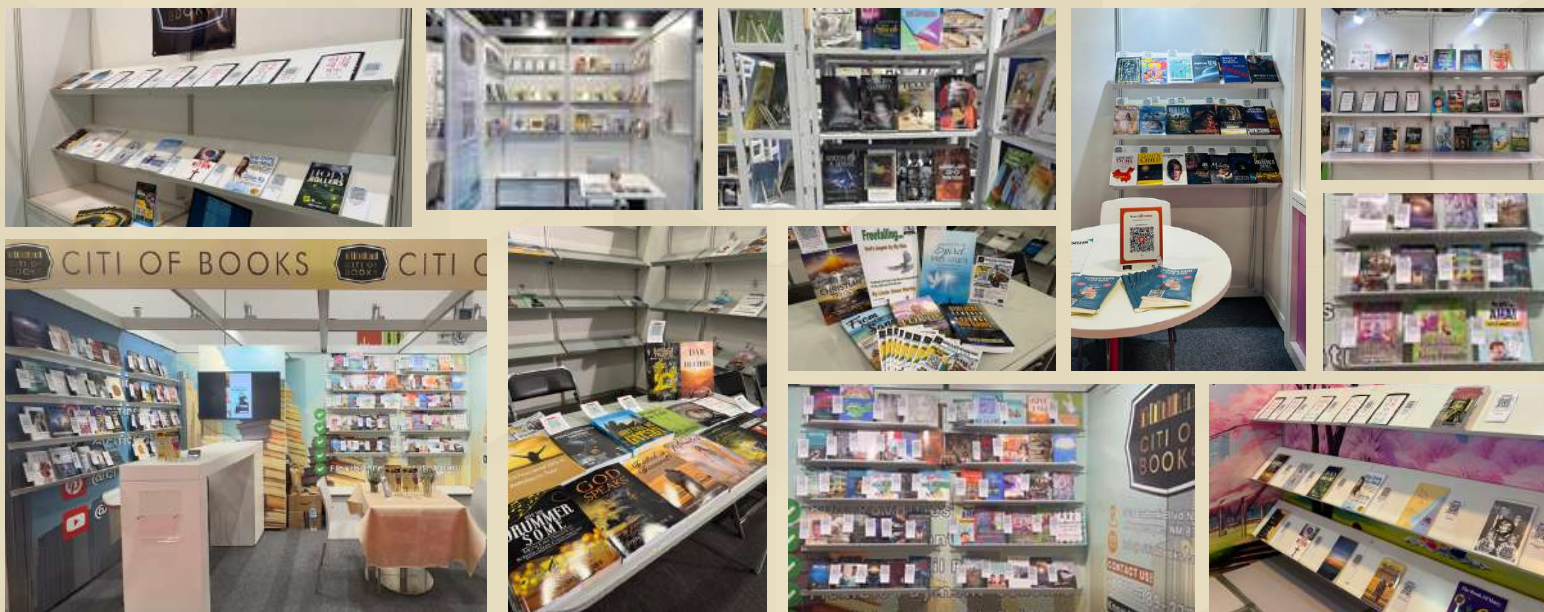
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