
I'm brand new here, and I'd like to say hi.

Posted by Gina Friemann - 2008/06/24 21:17

Hello everyone out there. I hope you are good. I am new to this site, and new to publishing. I have written a book, named Victoria's Escape. It is a serial killer case, and her journey to solve the case and her own case at home. I think it will be good, and hope that I am able to get it out there for those who like this kind of reading. If you've any advice for me, I am very grateful for the assistance. Thank you for taking time to find out about me. ;)

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Posted by Philip Davis - 2008/06/25 18:18

Welcome aboard Gina. I'm Phil, the owner of Authors On The Net and if you would like to discuss your book feel free to email me at phil@authorsonthenet.com. There is a lot of information on the site. The primary goal is to help authors develop a strategic plan for promoting their books and to introduce authors to ways to promote books online. Even simple things like being listed in Baker & Taylor can help tremendously. Let me know if you'd like to speak live. Thanks and good luck.

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Re:I'm brand new here, and I'd like to say hi.

Posted by Michael Raymond - 2008/06/28 23:37

Well hi, and I'm newer than you are. You are not alone! I have just finished a novel (finished?) and am published on lulu.com

If I can be of any assistance in your quest for fulfillment, let me know.

I don't work for lulu and haven't even seen my proof copy yet, so cannot recommend them yet. They have good online help, though.

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Posted by Gina Friemann - 2008/06/29 19:29

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Posted by Michael Raymond - 2008/06/29 23:54

What really matters is if you have to pay for x number of books ahead of time. Lulu publishes for free and you can buy as little as one copy at a time.

My book was 278 pages and costs just over 10 dollars to print. Shipping is extra. I don't know the one you mentioned.

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Editing & stuff

Posted by Michael Raymond - 2008/06/30 23:27

Sorry, I haven't gotten the hang of this forum yet. I tried to find your last message to reply but couldn't. Then I just chose reply to your first and here I am.

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If you haven't committed to that publisher, don't. Take a look at Lulu.com. They ask only that you format your page size to the book size. They have wizards to do the book and cover. No charge.

They don't do editing. I had to do that myself. Word to the wise, if you are going to self-publish -- don't pay for an edit. No agent nor mainline publisher will accept your book if it is self-published. You have to decide for yourself if you want to publish now or work for months, perhaps years to find a big publisher.

If you are looking for a career -- don't self-publish. If you want a book - do it. There are lots of free info sites on the web for editing tips. Take your time.

I took two years to write and one year to edit/revise my novel. The last year was the worst.

Good luck

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