

BOOK BROS PUBLISHERS AUTHOR AGREEMENT

This agreement ("Agreement") is made between Book Bros Publishers ("Publisher") and [Author's Name], a minor between the ages of 8 and 17, with parental/guardian consent, for the purpose of publishing the author's manuscript.

1. Author Eligibility

- The author must be between 8-17 years old at the time of submission.
 - A parent or legal guardian must sign this contract for it to be valid.
 - The parent/legal guardian assumes full financial responsibility for all payments required in this agreement.
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2. Manuscript Requirements

The submitted manuscript must:

- Be a completed work, edited for clarity and readability.
 - Use Times New Roman, size 12 font, and be double-spaced.
 - Use one space after each sentence instead of two.
 - Be original and not plagiarized from any other source.
 - Not use any form of Artificial Intelligence (including ChatGPT, CopyAI, and all other types)
 - Contain uplifting, family-friendly content (Book Bros Publishers does not accept scary, horror, gory, or dark-themed manuscripts).
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3. Publishing Services & Payment

To cover the cost of formatting, editing, book cover design, and digital publishing, the author agrees to pay \$0.06 per word, split into two equal payments:

1. A non-refundable down payment of half the total cost, which must be received before the book moves into the publishing process.
2. The remaining half of the total cost, due upon approval of the final proof before publication.

Example:

If the manuscript is 10,000 words, the total publishing cost will be \$600.

- The first payment of \$300 is due within 7 days of signing this contract.
- The final \$300 is due upon approval of the final proof before publishing.

Payment Deadline:

- The initial down payment is due within 7 days of signing this contract. (An invoice will be sent upon signing of the contract. Payment is accepted via Venmo or Paypal.)
 - If payment is not received within this timeframe, the contract may be considered void at the discretion of the publisher.
 - The final payment must be made before the book is submitted for publishing—failure to pay will result in a delay in publication.
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4. Royalties & Sales Payments

- The author will receive monthly royalty payments based on actual book sales.
 - The author will earn 80% of net profits, while the publisher retains 20% for ongoing publishing expenses.
 - Net profits are defined as the total revenue from book sales after deducting platform fees (e.g., Amazon KDP fees, printing costs, and transaction fees).
 - Royalty payments will be issued via Venmo on the first business day of each month, based on the previous month's sales data.
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5. Author Responsibilities

- The author is responsible for marketing and promoting their book.
 - Upon request, the publisher may provide basic marketing guidance, but the primary responsibility for book promotion lies solely with the author.
 - Book Bros Publishers does not guarantee book sales—the author's effort in sharing and promoting the book will directly impact sales and earnings.
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6. Publishing Rights

- The author retains full copyright ownership of their work.
- The publisher has the right to format, edit, and design the book for professional publication.
- The author and their parent/guardian will review and approve the final version before publishing.

Theological Accuracy Clause:

- If the manuscript is a biblically based devotional book or Bible study, it will be subject to a theological accuracy review before publication.
 - The review ensures that scriptural references are correctly cited and align with biblical truth based on a standard, widely accepted translation (e.g., ESV, NASB, NIV, KJV, NLT, CSB).
 - The publisher reserves the right to request corrections or clarifications if theological inconsistencies are found.
 - This process is not a doctrinal debate but a safeguard to ensure that content remains biblically sound and accurately presented.
 - If the author declines to revise theological inaccuracies, the publisher reserves the right to reject the manuscript for publication.
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7. Termination Clause

- Either party may terminate this agreement with written notice before the book is published.
 - If the author cancels after making the first payment but before final publication, the one-half initial down payment is non-refundable as it covers services already rendered.
 - If the contract is terminated after publication, the book will remain available for sale unless both parties mutually agree in writing to remove it.
 - Any royalties earned before removal will still be paid per the agreed schedule.
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8. Dispute Resolution

- Any disputes arising from this agreement shall first be resolved through good-faith negotiations.
 - If unresolved, the dispute shall be settled through mediation before any legal action.
 - Mediation will take place in Fort Worth, TX, and costs shall be split equally between the parties.
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9. Signatures

 By signing this contract, the parent/legal guardian agrees to assume full financial responsibility for all payments required in this agreement.

Author's Name: _____

Author's Age: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Book Bros Publishers Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____
