

Self-Publishing Checklist

Dancing Duck Publishing



- Write your book
- Have your book edited
 - Grammar
 - Content
- Research competing titles
- *Obtain Copyright: copyright.gov
- Select book trim size (5x8, 6x9, 8.5x11, etc.), and hardcover, paperback, or both
- Illustrations (for children's books)
- **Obtain ISBN numbers and barcode: MyIdentifiers.com
- Select three BISAC codes (book categories): bisg.org/page/bisacedition
- Cover Design
- Obtain rights/releases for images and other contributed content
- Layout/design/electronic file
- Choose a printer and/or distributor
- Upload to service that you are using

*There is a school of thought that obtaining a copyright is not necessary.

** Depending on your goals of publishing, it may not be necessary to purchase an ISBN. On the other hand, you may need to purchase several ISBN's, in which case you should strongly consider buying them in bulk.

For any questions regarding this checklist, please feel free to contact Dancing Duck Publishing at dancingduckpublishing@gmail.com