

## **1. All about Self-publishing your book with club assistance**

While several members of the Writers and Poets Club have published books using the traditional method, many have found a new path to success through Self-Publishing. The advantage of Self-Publishing is not just the creative control it offers, but also the significant financial benefits. With an initial cost of zero until the copies of the book are ordered from the printer, and even then, the cost is five or fewer dollars per copy, Self-Publishing is a truly cost-effective option that can encourage and inspire aspiring authors.

The challenge of Self-Publishing, particularly the need for extensive computer expertise, can be daunting. However, the Quail Creek Writers and Poets Club is here to help. Our members, many of whom have become Self-Publishing experts, are ready to guide you through the process of preparing your works for printed and electronic formats (EPUB) like Kindle. Their expertise and support will ensure you feel confident and reassured every step of the way.

Amazon's Kindle direct publishing is the publishing entity favored by our club's members. They offer extensive written help on the format your book must be presented in. However, while they describe what the format should be, they don't describe how to achieve it using your particular computer's word-processing software. If you are good at following written directions with pictures, selections 2 through 10 following this page explain how to format your book for submission to Amazon using Microsoft Word or Apple Pages. Creating cover art using Pixelmator is also presented.

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