

#### Self Publishing 101 - I Wrote It, What Next?

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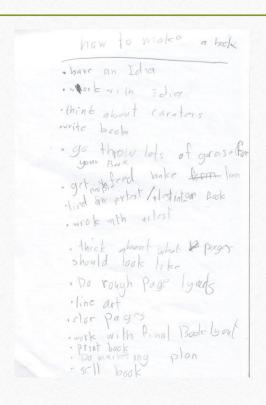
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## My Writing Process

(for self-publishing)



- 1. Get an Idea / Brainstorm
- 2. Expand on the Idea
- 3. Character Development
- 4. Write
- 5. Revise
- 6. Initial Book Layout
- 7. Revise Again
- 8. Artwork
- 9. Other Book Material
- 10. Publication
- 11. Marketing

Previous Presentation (My Writing Process)

## My Writing Process: Other Book Material

- Copyright Page
- About Page(s) for Author and Illustrator
- Review Request from Readers
- Description Information (i.e., back of book)
- Book Metadata (e.g., reading age, book categories)
- Book Previews for More Books

## My Writing Process: Publication

- Purchase an ISBN
  - Some distributors provide free ISBNs, but it may be worthwhile to purchase your own ISBN
- Create the cover and manuscript files suitable for publication
- Order a printed proof
- Publish the book
  - Paperback and ebook
  - Amazon, distributor (e.g., IngramSpark, Smashwords), and professional website

## My Writing Process: Marketing

- Administrative
  - Update book(s) in Bowker
  - Update/add book(s) in Goodreads
  - Order print copies to sell at shows
  - Generate Amazon Associates QR codes

- Websites and Social Media
  - Update your professional website (blog, links)
  - Post update/media to Amazon Author page
  - Email family and friends
  - Email your website mailing list
  - Post to social media (Facebook, IG, etc.)
  - Facebook Shop / Instagram Shopping
  - Post to Goodreads blog
  - Submit books for reviews
  - Cross-promote with other authors

# My Writing Process: Marketing (continued)

- Paid Options
  - Amazon Advertising Campaign
  - Goodreads giveaway
- Promotional Items
  - Bookmark
  - Poster
  - Coloring pages and crayons
  - Business cards
  - Review sheets/slips

- Book shows and booths
  - Book fairs
  - Libraries
  - Bookstores
  - Booth setup (signage, Square reader, table skirt, change, etc.)

#### About Sohrab Rezvan

- 12+ years in the field of data analytics
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- BS, Computer Science
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## Questions

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