



# How To Publish Your Own Book

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Are you thinking of writing a book, a collection of poems, a few short stories about your life or work, or maybe a full novel? Do you have a dream of publishing and seeing it in your hand as a finished product and you don't know where to start? Editors . . . proofreaders.. cover design.. the layout of the book.. printing costs.. Where do you even begin to look for help?

Many people give up, as it seems too big a mountain to climb. Then, considering the little chance of success, it may well feel your dream had ended even before it ever had a chance to start.

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## How To Come Up With Your Manuscript.

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### Simple ways to plan and design your manuscript

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