



JOURNEY BOOKS

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- A commercial assessment of your project
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- **200 copies of your book delivered to your door** – these will be ‘B-format’ (i.e. normal size) paperbacks, black & white throughout, up to 256 pages. Other lengths and formats are perfectly possible but will incur extra costs.

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- **Advice on pricing** – we’ll advise you on a sensible commercial price for your book

- **500 copies of your book, delivery split between your address and our warehouse** – these will be ‘B-format’ (i.e. normal size) paperbacks, black & white throughout, up to 256 pages. Other lengths and formats are perfectly possible but will incur extra costs. You choose how many of the 500 you want delivered to you.
- **Creation of metadata and registration with Nielsen** – we will create all the required metadata fields (Long Description, Short Description, keywords, etc) and add your book to Nielsen, the book trade database
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- **Inclusion in our Amazon Advantage account** – we’ll add your book to our Advantage account, so Amazon will recognise it as something that comes from a professional publisher and distributor
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- **Creation of press release and sales sheet (AI)** – we’ll create professional sales and marketing material for you to use when promoting your book
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- **Storage and trade distribution after 12 months** – if you want to keep your book in print after a year we’ll offer you a price based on its sales – if not, we’ll make it out of print and either pulp any remaining copies or deliver them to you at no extra cost. We’ll send you the ebook files which you can ‘republish’ under your own imprint if you wish – you will not be able to sell the print edition through the book trade because the ISBN will no longer be valid, but you will be able to sell the books directly or use them as gifts.
- **Creation of a website** – we can create a bespoke WordPress site for your book

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- **Any sales, marketing or PR functions beyond making your book available for sale** – we will provide you with a professional press release and sales sheet, and some basic advice on how to sell and market your book, but after that it’s up to you! We can also put you in touch with PR professionals who can run a press campaign for you.

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