

I'm new to this kind of business so from where do I start exactly?

The simplest answer is to check your work so we can guide you from there. If you don't have any work but still have an idea let us discuss it together.

Even though I like writing, I believe my works are ridiculous and should not be published.

Nobody was born a genius and we have seen our fair share of works that could be classified as "terrible". But we made it our job to help writers develop their skill and in the end build a fantastic novel. We **never turn down** a manuscript, now matter how bad it is, but give guidance on how to make it better.

Do you publish poems?

Yes.

Do you publish photographic books?

Yes.

In what languages do you publish?

Maltese and English mainly, but we also have Italian and Russian translators.

What is your procedure?

We like to use the phrase "From Scraeth to Sales", meaning we give you help from the moment an idea is conceived to the final stages where money is concerned.

Please give me details on how your work is handled.

- **Writing** - The writer's job.
- **Editing** - Our job to check your story and start asking questions about its integrity.
- **Proofreading** - A deeper look at the story in order to correct grammar mistakes.
- **Settings** - When all the above are approved by all those involved we take the manuscript and set it to its final format as a book.
- **Cover & Synopsis** - We let the writer decide what it wishes to appear on the cover and we give our advise about what works and what doesn't.
- **Printing** - The moment the story officially becomes a book.
- **Sales** - Once the copies arrive we are ready to sell the product. **Please note** that we do not sell in shops but only online. **However**, authors are given the freedom to go to shops themselves and sell them if they so desire.
- **Profit** - Once the book starts selling online we update the author and send money directly to its bank account.

What do expenses involve?

- **Proofreading** - €2 per page
- **Printing** - According to volume of one book and the number of copies printed. Prices always vary from as little as €50 to the maximum number of €300.
- **Our commission** - 10%
- **Translation** - Price is discussed with translators but generally it's a bit higher since it involves both translation & proofreading.

How is the book's price calculated?

We discuss how many copies are going to be made, check the total proposed from the printing house, and then divide the price on all books. The printing house's price-per-book is then calculated with the volume of a single book and we add our commission for the total price.

Please note that we can't give an approximate price until we see the final volume of the manuscript after it's ready from **proofreading**. It is understandable that a manuscript of 50 A4 pages varies in length and format to a manuscript of 100 or over A4 pages.

What is the least amount of pages you require so that a manuscript is accepted for printing?

- **Novels/Short stories/Poetry** - 40 A4 pages.
- **Picture book** - 36 A4 pages.

Do you publish on Kindle?

While not directly due to copyright issues, we can link you to Amazon. **Maltese** works so far are not accepted.