

Self-Publishing for Creative Control Freaks



Arriving late in life to writing and publishing, I'm on a roll to get it done sooner, rather than later. I have found resources allowing me to solo manage the creation of my written works into books of my own design. I decide the layout, and provide all the visuals front cover to back cover. ALL of it. Total creative control makes me happy.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Limit interference of too many resources with additional costs & fees. In the selection of resources you decide to use, DO invest in quality and convenience. Are resources compatible? Easy to use?

→ MY TWO RESOURCES **/**

That's correct. I use just two resources. They work together super harmoniously, making my workload much easier.

CANVA.COM

CANVA has free options. HOWEVER, I recommend you pay their yearly fee - \$120.00. It's worth it! Their HUGE library of images are copyright free. Canva's A4 format creates your book cover to cover. You can easily add your own images via photos, paste in WORD documents. Reshape, resize, layer, add text, and draw directly unto the pages using their drawing tool and your mouse. Wowzers! THEN, you save it as a pdf, export it to your computer, and download directly to the publishing site.

MIXAM.COM

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- If using Mixam, decide on your book details first (Book page dimensions!),
 before creating the document in Canva. This makes everything MUCH easier.
- Mixam has lots of options. Don't hurry through this decision making process. Envision possible outcomes. Mixam offers helpful advice for this as well.
- Pay for an ISBN for your book if you want to have it for sale in book shops.

