

# Review

## ***How To Publish & Market a Book Without Jumping Off a Cliff***

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So you've written a book, or hope to write one some day, and you're lost in the maze that book publishing has become. You want to be educated and knowledgeable about the entire process, but where can you find the information you need? Carol Adler is a professional writer, editor, ghost writer, book doctor, teacher of English and Creative Writing, and publisher. She's been where you are now and survived to tell about it in this book. Her guidelines are helpful, sensible, clearly stated, and might just save you from jumping off that cliff mentioned in the title. Her book is packed full of details, including the following:

- How to publish and market your book online yourself instead of jumping through the flaming hoops of agents and mainline publishers;
- How to make sure your book is professionally edited so you won't look like an amateur;
- What publishers are looking for – a writing style rich with imagery and characters or information that come to life on every page;
- How and where to create a website with online marketing capabilities and expose and promote your work through online networking;
- How to choose the right publisher, one that provides a quality product and expert personal service without censoring your work;

- How to tell the difference between vanity publishers, co-publishers, and print on demand (POD) publishers;
- How to protect yourself from piracy and copyright theft.

Marketing can be the most difficult part of the publishing process because it's a huge investment of time and money. If you've ever wondered why the already rich and famous get preferred treatment from publishers while unknown writers of excellent work get rejected, the cost of marketing is why. In this section, Adler outlines a marketing to-do list:

- The advantages and disadvantages of online sales;
- How to build a keyword specific website;
- Suggestions for joining the internet community through blogging, Facebook, Twitter, Squidoo, etc.;
- How to create a sales campaign;
- Linking products and services;
- Promoting yourself. HINT: Your work should reveal who you are as a person and reflect your values and passions.

Along with excellent, easy to read information, Carol Adler provides hope for what often seems to be a hopeless dream for writers. Regardless of genre, your work can be published if you do your homework and follow certain guidelines. Some of the best books ever written were originally self-published and/or rejected by traditional publishers in the past. But that doesn't have to happen to you. The electronic age is here. E-books are gaining popularity thanks to hand held reading devices, such as Amazon's Kindle reader. You have more options now than writers ever had in the past. This exceptional book covers all the information you need to find success as a writer. Highly recommended.

—Review by Laurel Johnson for *Midwest Book Review*