

Breaking Into Print

General Advice

Seeking to publish your first article/book? The items listed here provide some sage advice. Some material related to popular or inspirational writing is included, but the major emphasis is on scholarly or academic literature.

Belcher, Wendy Laura. *Writing Your Journal Article in 12 Weeks*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2009.

Assumes you already have a paper or dissertation chapter and wish to revise it for publication as a journal article. Specific step by step instructions. See especially what it says about making an argument and creating a logical whole. Also deals with motivation.

Craigie, Frederic C Jr. "Publish without Perishing." *Journal Of Psychology And Christianity* 30, no. 3 (September 2011): 239-42.

Encouragement and tips for practitioners to publish on Christian psychology.

*Germano, William P. *From Dissertation to Book*. 2nd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013.

Specific detailed advise on how to revise the dissertation for publication as a book. Also explains why the average dissertation should be published as one or more journal articles, not as a book.

*Germano, William P. *Getting it Published: A Guide for Scholars and Anyone Else Serious about Serious Books*. 2nd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008. PN161 .G46 2008

Book publishing. Practical discussion of topics like what to expect from a publisher, submitting proposals, peer review, responding to editing, contracts, copyright, how to deliver a MS, etc.

Gump, Steven E. "Writing Successful Covering Letters for Unsolicited Submissions to Academic Journals." *Journal of Scholarly Publishing* 35:2 (Jan. 2004): 92-102.

Demonstrates how a cover letter can establish the author's credibility, help ensure that a publisher seriously considers the manuscript, and begin a positive rapport with the editorial staff.

Harman, Allan M. "Writing a Journal Article." *Reformed Theological Review* 67:3 (Dec. 2008): 146-48.

What the editor of *RTR* looks for in an article.

Hartley, James. *Academic Writing and Publishing: A Practical Handbook*. New York: Routledge, 2008.

Practical, detailed advice on the writing and publication process from start to finish.

Huff, Anne S. *Writing for Scholarly Publication*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, 1999. PN146 .H84 1999

Advises the writer on both scholarly writing and publishing. Includes practical and often detailed advice by an experienced researcher.

Koppedray, Kay. "Some Thoughts and Advice on Academic Publishing." In *Next Step in Studying Religion: A Graduate's Guide*, 47. New York: Continuum, 2007.

Begins with finding one's voice and warns against unappealing writing postures. Explains to the new scholar how to find a venue for publication and deal with editors.

- Kostenberger, Andreas J. "Editorial." *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 44:1 (March 2001): 1-3.
What the editor of *JETS* looks for in an article.
- Leavy, Patricia. "A Commentary on Academic Publishing: Insider Tips." *Qualitative Report* 21, no. 6 (2016): 1090–1094.
Advice from a researcher, best-selling author, and the creator and editor of seven book series.
- *Luey, Beth. *Handbook for Academic Authors*. 4th ed. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002. PN146 .L84
An introduction to scholarly publishing covering topics such as choosing and working with a publisher, submitting journal articles for publication, and revising a dissertation for publication.
- Luey, Beth, ed. *Revising Your Dissertation: Advice from Leading Editors*. Updated ed. Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2008. LB2369 .R49
Practical tips on how to rewrite your dissertation so it attracts a publisher.
- Matthews, Janet R., and Stephen F. Davis. "An Introduction to Textbook Publishing: What We Did Not Learn in Graduate School." *Teaching of Psychology* 26, no. 1 (January 1999): 40.
Practical tips on how to approach textbook publishing.
- Mulholland, James. "What I've Learned about Publishing a Book." *Journal of Scholarly Publishing* 45, no. 3 (2014): 211–36.
"This article seeks to inform authors—particularly first-time academic authors—about the overlooked details and unanticipated tasks that emerge during the production and publication of an academic book."
- *Porter, Stanley E. *Inking the Deal: A Guide for Successful Academic Publishing*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2010. Z286 .S37 P67 2010
Detailed advice on academic publishing from a prolific writer and editor in biblical studies. Helps understand and navigate the world of publishing for various types of scholarly writing.
- Rocco, Tonette S. and Tim Hatcher, eds. *The Handbook of Scholarly Writing and Publishing*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2011. PN144 .H36 2011
Begins with reasons to write and ends with working with coauthors and mentoring new scholars in writing. Deals with multiple types of scholarly writing and publishing.
- Scharlemann, Robert P. "Publishing in Scholarly Journals: Advising Junior Colleagues." *Council on the Study of Religion. Bulletin* 15:3 (1984): 73, 75-76.
By former editor of *JAAR*. Notes that most articles are rejected. Suggests being focused, writing to advance rather than rehash knowledge, and carefully noting reviewers' comments.
- Silvia, Paul J. *How to Write a Lot: A Practical Guide to Productive Academic Writing*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 2007.
Common sense encouragement and exhortation to set aside phoney excuses, schedule time for writing, and get busy. Also advice on how to write, submit, revise, and resubmit.
- *Silverman, Franklin H. *Authoring Books and Materials for Students, Academics and Professionals*. Westport, CN: Praeger, 1998. PN146 .S55
Selecting a publisher, preparing a proposal, negotiating a contract, marketing, taxes, etc.

Publisher Specific Information

Assuming you have already written an article or book, use these resources to identify publishers who may be interested in your topic/manuscript. Almost every journal and publisher has up-to-date editorial policies posted at a website. This includes information on what topics the publisher is interested in, how to submit a manuscript, how to format the manuscript, etc. For example, find instructions for contributors to *JETS* at http://www.etsjets.org/JETS_Instructions and for *JBL* at: http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/PublishingWithSBL/JBL_Instructions.pdf.

ATLA Religion Database

Search for a topic in ATLA and note the journals that include it. Under Publications, view the list of journals indexed in ATLA. Check the list to see titles to consider as venues for your article. Click a title to see whether indexing is current. If not, the journal may be defunct.

Christian Writers' Market Guide. Reference BV2369.5 .U6 S78

Annual. Lists book publishers alphabetically and topically. Tells where writers can find other helps. Emphasis on non-scholarly literature.

MIAR (<http://miar.ub.edu/>)

Collects data about scholarly journals. Look up a known journal for information about subjects it covers, where it is indexed, and its ICDS (Survival Index) number if included.

**Writer's Market*. Reference PN161 .W83

Annual. "Where and how to sell what you write." A standard listing of [mostly] non-scholarly book and magazine publishers. Includes names of editors, types of desired literature, submission requirements, payment rates, etc.