

Inspirit Judson Press Author Guidelines and Expectations

Welcome

Welcome to Inspirit Judson Press, a Christian-based imprint of Judson Press and a ministry of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS). Inspirit Judson Press offers a co-publishing model blending self-publishing flexibility with traditional publishing credibility, distribution, and support.

Overview of the Inspirit Judson Press Model

Inspirit Judson Press is designed for authors who want:

- A rapid publishing timeline (typically 90 days from copyedited, design-ready manuscript submission to release).
- Creative control over their work.
- Access to professional editorial, design, and marketing services.
- Distribution through Judson Press channels and national retail outlets.
- Authors share in the publishing investment and retain full ownership of their work.

Submission & Evaluation Process

Step 1: Inquiry – Send an inquiry email to acquisitions@judsonpress.com.

Step 2: Exploration – Meet with an Inspirit Judson Press team member.

Step 3: Proposal Submission – Submit proposal including résumé, working titles, summary, manuscript length, annotated table of contents, target audience, marketing plan, and sample content (approx. 25 pages). Do *not* send the full manuscript initially.

Publishing Agreement & Timeline

Once approved, you'll receive a Self-Publishing Services and Distribution Agreement outlining editorial services, payment terms, rights, licenses, distribution, and royalties.

Please note that day one (1) begins after everything is submitted including but not limited to the manuscript, dedication, foreword, afterword, acknowledgement, and bibliography, and payment is received.

Publishing Timeline (90 Days):

- Days 1–20: Manuscript review, title and cover
- Days 20–24: Author response
- Days 25–70: Production: Design/Proofreading
- Days 71–90: Print

Author Responsibilities

- Submit signed contract within 5 days of receipt.
 - Submit title form, book summary, and bio within one (1) week after signing.
 - Pay full-service fee (\$2,500) within 30 days.
 - Submit professionally copyedited manuscript, bibliography, and sources cited within 90 days.
- Ensure compliance with copyright and content guidelines.

Editorial & Design Services

Included:

- Manuscript review and consultation
- One round of editing and proofreading
- Cover and interior design
- ISBN and Library of Congress number

Additional services available at extra cost (developmental editing, substantive editing, indexing, etc.).

Marketing Packages

Standard Package (Included): Promotional graphics, author features, excerpt in *Christian Citizen* magazine, group coaching, website listing.

Premium Package (\$750): One-on-one coaching, media matchmaking, elevator pitch development.

Financial Terms

Basic publishing fee: \$2,500 includes the editorial review, layout, cover design, proofreading, and marketing.

Author purchase requirement: 100 copies at printer price + 10% administrative cost within the first year of publication; 50% retail price discount thereafter.

Royalties & Book Sales

- Author retains full ownership of the manuscript.
- Royalties: 15% of net profits on books sold through the Judson Press Warehouse or distribution networks. No royalties are paid on author-purchased books.

Rights & Licenses

Author grants Inspirit Judson Press an exclusive, transferable, worldwide license to reproduce, distribute, and market the work. Publisher determines Suggested Retail Price.

Termination & Refunds

Either party may terminate with 30 days' written notice. Refunds available within 15 days of payment, based on service stage. Publisher ceases distribution within 90 days of termination.

Legal & Compliance

Governed by Pennsylvania law. Author responsible for tax compliance and permissions for third-party content. Publisher liability limited to service fees or royalties due.

Warranties

Author warrants ownership, copyright permissions, and compliance with content guidelines. Work must not infringe third-party rights or contain unlawful content.