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Standard Author Contract

Please read, complete, and sign the following agreement between you, your agents representatives, and/or any entity with which you may be affiliated (hereinafter referred to as "Author") and Gom Publishing, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Gom Publishing" or "the Company"), for your book (hereinafter referred to as "Work").

When completed, please mail to Gom Publishing at 4801 Roberts Rd., Ste. P., Columbus OH 43228-9496.

AUTHOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

MANUSCRIPT INFORMATION

Work Title: _____

Work Sub-Title (optional): _____

Pen Name (optional): _____

Manuscript Format (check the one used):

Microsoft Word	Microsoft Publisher	Adobe InDesign	QuarkXPress
Adobe PageMaker	Corel WordPerfect	Other (please specify) _____	

(please call to see if your format is usable)

Manuscript Submission (check the one to be used):

Mailed—CD-ROM Mailed—Diskette Mailed—ZIP Disk

Uploaded via Gom Publishing web site

Optional Submissions (check the desired options):

Author Photograph Author Biography (200 words maximum)

Book Summary (200 words maximum)

BOOK FORMAT

Check the Work format desired. If no size is checked, the default size (underlined) will be used.

Paperback (Paperback books may contain 25 to 600 pages, depending on size.
See *Retail Product and Price* section below.)

Paperback book size may be from 4" to 8.25" wide and 6" to 10.50" tall. The default is **6" x 9"**.

A paperback cover is high quality 10 pt. coated stock. 60# white acid-free paper is used for interiors.

My paperback book's width: _____ inches My paperback book's height: _____ inches

Hardback, no cover Hardback with cover (Hardback books may contain 50 to 850 pages)
5.5" x 8.5" **6" x 9"** 6.125" x 9.25" 7" x 10" 8.25" x 10.50"

Hardback covers are laminated or cloth with foil stamp. 60# white acid-free paper is used for interiors.

PUBLISHING PLANS

Five publishing plans are available. The content of each, subject to change at any time in the discretion of Gom Publishing, is described in the following table.

Feature	Expeditor	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Book usually available in less than 90 days	X	X	X	X	X
No manuscript formatting (original must be in acceptable digital format)	X				
Manuscript formatting (if original is in digital format)					
Up to 4 hours		X			
Up to 8 hours			X		
Up to 16 hours				X	
No hourly limit					X
Custom full-color cover design					
Up to 4 hours		X			
Up to 8 hours			X		
Up to 16 hours				X	
No hourly limit					X
Developmental Editing					X
Manuscript Indexing					X
1 proof copy	X	X	X	X	X
1 complimentary update of text after proof copy reviewed			X	X	X
1 additional proof copy, if required				X	X
ISBN assignment		X	X	X	X
ISBN bar code printed on cover		X	X	X	X
Books-in-Print listing		X	X	X	X
Library of Congress cataloging and registration		X	X	X	X
U.S. Copyright Office registration		X	X	X	X
5 free printed books		X			
Author page on the Gom Publishing web site			X	X	X
Book available through the Gom Publishing online store			X	X	X
Internet marketing on BarnesandNoble.com and Amazon.com (and its affiliates)	X	X	X	X	X
Author participation in the Gom Publishing royalty program		X	X	X	X
E-book format provided			X	X	X
10 free printed books			X		
Participation in the Author Marketing Program				X	X
15 free printed books				X	
Inclusion in Book Distribution Program					X
25 free printed books					X

The content of the Author Marketing Program, subject to change at any time in the discretion of Gom Publishing, is as follows.

- 1 Galley Set
- 1 Poster Set
- 1 Card Set
- 1 copy of *1001 Ways to Market Your Books* by John Kremer
- 1 copy of *The Joy of Publishing* by Nat Bodian
- 1 CD-ROM
- Drop Shipment Service (lifetime for this book)
- Press Release (for author's use)
- Press Releases sent to targeted media
- Up to nine Galleys distributed to selected media book reviewers

The Book Distribution Program, subject to change at any time in the discretion of Gom Publishing, involves inclusion in Gom Publishing's book distribution service that uses 3rd party distribution companies to place your book in a variety of retail outlets throughout the United States.

Check the publishing plan desired:

Expedito—\$299 Bronze—\$499 Silver—\$899 Gold—\$1,899 Platinum—\$2,499

SERVICES À LA CARTE

The following services may be purchased as required. Please check the options you want.

Book Distribution Program—\$795

Participation in the Book Distribution Program as described above.

Text Scanning—\$2 per page. # pages: ____.

Convert a printed, hardcopy manuscript into a word processing file.

Galley Set—\$20 plus S&H (per set of three). # sets: ____.
5.5" x 8.5" tape-bound galley.

Poster Set—\$199 plus S&H (per set of five). # sets: ____.
18" x 30" full-color featuring author photo (if supplied), book cover, and ordering information.

Indexing—\$150. (To be billed after completion of service.)

Gom Publishing will help you produce an index for your book. You and a Gom Publishing support person will determine the most appropriate technique to be used.

Assistance—\$50 per hour. (Billed upon completion of service.)

You may engage a Gom design specialist to resolve difficult manuscript formatting issues such as image placement, table creation, special internal text formatting, and custom cover designs.

Note: Assistance, billed in half-hour increments at a minimum of one hour, will be required for corrections and revisions that are requested after any proof has been received and/or after book production has begun.

Post Card Set—\$75. # sets: ____.

200 4"x6" postcards. Each card has the full-color book cover on one side with your photo or book summary and book ordering information on the other.

Bookmark Set—\$45. # sets: ____.

200 bookmarks. Each card has the full-color book cover on one side with your photo or book summary and book ordering information on the other.

Business Card Set—\$45. # sets: _____.

200 business cards. Each card has the full-color book cover on one side with your photo or book summary and book ordering information on the other.

Drop Shipment Service—\$25 per month. (Billed monthly to supplied credit card.)

Proprietary toll-free number is provided allowing you to call-in book orders and have them drop shipped to a designated address. (S&H added to the author’s cost for the books.)

CD-ROM—\$50

A CD-ROM containing the final version of the book in desktop publishing, PDF, and e-book formats; the text in a word processing form; and the corresponding graphic files (if appropriate).

eBook—\$125 per version # and type of versions: _____.

An eBook version of the book.

ISBN & Books-in-Print Listing—\$35.

ISBN assignment and printing on book cover. Book listed in Bowker’s Books-in-Print.

Additional Proof—\$45 # of copies: _____.

An additional proof copy.

Note: To receive a proof copy reflecting corrections and revisions made after any proof has been received and/or after book production has begun, you must purchase at least one Additional Proof.

Online store listing—\$50.

One-time set-up fee to have a book listed on the Gom Publishing online store.

Author Marketing Program—\$1,245

Participation in the Author Marketing Program as described above.

Additional Book Format Set-up—\$245 per format # of formats: _____.

A book format is defined by the combination of cover type (paper- or hardback) and size. Each plan provides your book in a single format. You may purchase additional formats. For example, the plan format may be a 6”x9” paperback. A 5.5”x8.5” hardback format can be added. You may choose as many additional formats as you want.

Note: To receive a proof copy for an Additional Book Format, you must purchase an Additional Proof for that format.

Cover type and size of each additional format: _____

PAYMENT

Check the method of payment to be used for the total due \$_____:

Check (enclosed—\$25 return fee)

Money Order (enclosed)

Credit Card (CC)

 card number

 exp date

 card code

Signature _____

CC Address _____

CC City,State Zip _____

CC Phone Number _____

MY PRICING

Pursuant to the **RETAIL PRODUCT AND PRICE** section below, I want the retail prices of my book(s) to be as follows:

Paperback retail price: _____

Hardback retail price: _____

e-book retail price: _____

AGREEMENT

I, _____ (signature), agree to the following terms and condition below, on this date of _____.

RETAIL PRODUCT AND PRICE

The minimum retail price (hereinafter referred to as “Price”) of hardback and paperback versions of your book is based on the post-production page count as defined by the following table:

Page Count*	4x6 to 6x9	>6x9 to 8.25x10.75	5.5x8.5; 6x9	6.125x9.25; 7x10; 8.25x10.75
	Paperback	Paperback	Hardback	Hardback
25-49	\$7.99	\$13.99	N/A	N/A
50-99	\$9.99	\$13.99	\$22.99	\$24.99
100-150	\$11.99	\$15.99	\$24.99	\$26.99
151-200	\$12.99	\$17.99	\$24.99	\$26.99
201-250	\$13.99	\$19.99	\$25.99	\$27.99
251-300	\$14.99	\$22.99	\$26.99	\$28.99
301-350	\$16.99	\$22.99	\$27.99	\$29.99
351-400	\$18.45	\$25.99	\$28.99	\$32.99
401-450	\$20.95	\$26.99	\$30.99	\$34.99
451-500	\$22.45	\$29.99	\$32.99	\$36.99
501-550	\$24.45	\$31.99	\$34.99	\$38.99
551-600	\$26.45	\$34.99	\$36.99	\$40.99
601-650	N/A	N/A	\$38.99	\$43.99
651-700	N/A	N/A	\$40.99	\$45.99
701-750	N/A	N/A	\$42.99	\$47.99
751-800	N/A	N/A	\$44.99	\$49.99
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* max 400 for widths >= 8”
max 200 for widths >= 8.25”

w/ jacket =
+\$2.00 each

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Your paperback and hardback royalties are 10% of the Price or, if your book is sold through a distributor, 10% of the Distributor Price. Your e-book royalties are 20% of the e-book price.

PAYMENT

Royalties shall be paid to you on a monthly basis at the time of rendering the Statement of Account for the month.

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

You shall be given a Statements of Account on a monthly basis 30 days after the last day of the month accounted for. Each statement shall show for the month the total sales of you book of each type (retail and direct) and the corresponding royalty due.

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This written Contract contains the sole and entire Agreement between the parties and shall supersede any and all other prior agreements between the parties. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing signed by the party against whom such modification or amendment is sought to be enforced.

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