

SELF PUBLISHING by Tim Quirey

Many people are often daunted by the prospect of self publishing their own work(s). Where do I Start? How do I do it? These questions and many more are answered during my presentation exploring the entire self publishing experience.

Topics covered in the presentation include:

- The benefits of self publishing.
- Desires and motivations behind wanting to self publish.
- What are you going to write about?
- Writing the book and inclusion of photos and illustrations.
- The editing process and employing the services of a freelance editor.
- The printing process including acquiring a barcode and ISBN.
- Approaching book stores and getting publicity for your book.
- Where can self publishing take you, other avenues to explore.

I have personally self published 2 books in the last 2 years. *Create* is a coffee table book exploring the lives of milk crates. *Catch a Falling Star* is a children's picture book which I have written and illustrated.

I currently stock my book in independent bookstores and have received publicity through TV, Radio, Newspaper, Magazine, and Internet.

Through writing my books I have also been involved in many additional activities some of which include holding an art exhibition, designing t-shirts, conducting drawing classes in Fiji, painting a traffic signal box and volunteering at the Brisbane Writers Festival.

These projects have taught me a great deal about myself and the self publishing process and this is a fantastic opportunity to share my insights and hopefully show people how simple it can be, inspiring them to become budding authors.

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