

SPECIFICALLY FOR INDIE WRITERS - updated 4/27/25

These are the indie resources that SCBWI offers to its premium members. See bottom of this document for more general information about the Society of Book Writers & Illustrators non-profit association.

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SELF-PUBLISHING CHILDREN'S AND YA BOOKS/ALLI'S GUIDE TO KIDLIT PUBLISHING FOR AUTHORS issued by ALLIANCE OF INDEPENDENT AUTHORS - is free for SCBWI Premium members as a PDF download.

LINK: [How to SELF-PUBLISH a Children's Book By Karen Inglis - An ALLi Resource Guide – SCBWI](#)

The Indie Author: "The Indie Author" is an Alliance of Independent Authors (ALLi) publication containing resources, market news, and advice to help you become a successful self-publishing author. Published digitally three times a year—April, August, and November—and available free as a downloadable PDF to SCBWI Premium Members.

LINK: [The Indie Author – SCBWI](#)

Self-Publishing Services Directory is free for SCBWI Premium members as a PDF download.

Blurb from SCBWI website: Anyone who has gone the independent publishing route knows that you can't do it alone. You need a solid team of professionals in your corner. However, it's not always easy to sort the ethical service providers from the scams. As an SCBWI Premium Member, you have an advantage: The Alliance of Independent Authors' (ALLi) annual "Self-Publishing Services Directory." This digital manual is a comprehensive list of editors, designers, copyeditors, publishers, publicity services, and providers of writing tools. Each provider has been thoroughly vetted by ALLi's Watchdog Team for business ethics and quality. This book is a must-have guide for anyone self-publishing or thinking about self-publishing.

LINK: [Self-Publishing Services Directory – SCBWI](#)

Self-Publishing Publishers Ratings Database from ALLi's Watchdog Desk:

Blurb from SCBWI's website: SCBWI is an Organizational Member of The Alliance of Independent Authors (ALLI). Premium Members of SCBWI have access to ALLI's Watchdog Ratings Database with up-to-date information on which self-publishing service providers are worth the money and which are scams.

Use this URL to access the Ratings Info: <https://selfpublishingadvice.org/best-self-publishing-services/>

See [Researching Book Awards document](#), Indie section for related information.

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About SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators)

SCBWI stands for Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. It's the largest professional organization specifically for writers, illustrators, and translators who create content for children and young adults. Founded: 1971 by authors Stephen Mooser and Lin Oliver. What SCBWI does:

- Provides networking opportunities (both online and in-person).
- Offers grants, awards, and mentorships to emerging and established creators.
- Hosts regional and international conferences — great for workshops, critiques, and meeting editors, agents, and fellow creators.
- Publishes industry resources like The Bulletin, The Book, and various guides on publishing and marketing.
- Supports diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in children's literature.

Membership includes:

- Access to exclusive events, webinars, and meetups.
- Opportunities to get work critiqued or considered by publishers through special SCBWI programs.
- Discounts on conferences and workshops.

Who it's for:

- Authors (traditionally published, self-published, or aspiring).
- Illustrators.
- Translators of children's books.
- Anyone working in children's publishing fields.

LINK: <https://www.scbwi.org/>