



## Publishing Services Agreement:

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Below is the 6-step process to submit your book. Questions?

Call Pat Whary 423-478-2540

RUSH service (\$250) gets your book to press in 45 days or less! See below.

**Mail to Penman Publishers, 1705 Overhead Bridge Rd., Cleveland, TN 37312.**

### Step 1: AUTHOR INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Step 2: MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Subtitle (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Name/pen name: \_\_\_\_\_

(as you would like it to appear on your book cover and copyright page)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am submitting my manuscript in complete and final form.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed the text and graphic guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am including my manuscript on diskette in PDF Format. **(If manuscript is in MS Word there will be an additional \$75 charge to convert to PDF Format.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am including my photograph for the back cover of my book (optional).

\_\_\_\_\_ My book should be one of the following trim sizes (please circle)

5 X 8\*

5.5 X 8.5

6 X 9

8.25 X 11

**\*Important: short books (under 108 pages) can be printed in 5.5 X 8.5 trim size only.  
Short books are also NOT available in hardcover edition.**

### Step 3: AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY & BOOK SUMMARY

Please include a book summary and author biography, each consisting of no more than 150 words. This information will be used on the back cover of your book and in promotional materials. You must include this information as separate files on your diskette or CD, not as printed, hard copy.

### Step 4: PUBLISHING PROGRAMS AND PAYMENT

#### Two options for payment:

**Option 1** \_\_\_\_\_ 100% up front program fee with shipping fee billed to customer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Platinum program \_\_\_\_\_ Gold program \_\_\_\_\_ Silver program

**Option 2** \_\_\_\_\_ 50% program fee with order contract and 50% with proof approval with shipping fee billed to customer. (Upon credit approval)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Platinum program \_\_\_\_\_ Gold program \_\_\_\_\_ Silver program

\_\_\_\_\_ I am including graphics at \$17 per graphic on CD or disk, and /or \_\_\_\_\_ graphics at \$27 per graphic not on CD or disk.

\_\_\_\_\_ I desire RUSH service to get my book published in 45 days (\$250).\*

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## Step 5: COVER DESIGN

Our award-winning artists will design your book cover. You will have the opportunity to review and approve your book cover design before it is printed. Your cover design will be based on the package you've chosen.

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*“How long does it take?”*

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