



## Publishing SOLO Intent to Self-Publish Agreement

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby make an agreement and commitment to and myself that I am intending to publish my book by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Agreement with Self:** In making this agreement, I understand the overarching goal is to publish my works, thoughts, quotes, photos, illustrations, concepts, ideas, (known as creative material) as part of the process of mastering the **print on demand method** for sharing creative works with myself, others and/or the marketplace.

**Imperfections:** I further understand and agree that this self-published work may not be perfect. I accept with grace and dignity and agree that it is O.K. if it is not a masterpiece. I agree that this course, published curriculum, Publishing Coach or my do-it-yourself determination will guide me through the process for publishing a creative work of art, music or writing. I understand that the highest purpose of publishing *this first piece* is to achieve the publishing process, not to produce a "perfect work." I understand that a perfected work may come with subsequent editions; and that this is a normal for seasoned authors. I understand that it may take years to develop a perfect work and become an accomplished and published author.

**Completion:** I understand and agree that launching a creative work and to bringing it through all of its stages from conception to completion is the most important part of becoming a self-published author. I promise myself, my publishing coach, and any other students in the course (if participating in a course) that I will finish, no matter what, no matter how polished or "unpolished," imperfect, or flawed I may perceive the work to be.

**Challenges:** I also understand there may be breakdowns, challenges, fears, anxieties, obstacles, and insecurities in this process of sharing some of the most inspirational and vulnerable parts of myself when I chose to become a published author. I agree that I will continue to move without delay through those difficult spots, knowing that when I finish and publish that I will become a more developed writer, artist, and person.

**Published Author Journey:** I understand the decision to become a published author begins a journey which may open many new doors for me, and that this is an inner journey as well as an external one. I agree to organize *no more than 2 focus group meetings* of select friends, experts, and advisors for initial feedback on cover and interior design. Afterwards, *I will not allow "random, opinionated, or endless changes and corrections"* of my book cover, or interior content, from "too many cooks in the kitchen." In harmony with the professional and experienced advice of my publishing coach, (or publishing curriculum I am using) and with timeline in mind, I take control and accept responsibility for decisions involved in the self-publishing process.

**Patience with Self:** Lastly, I agree to be patient and allow myself to grow, learn, and expand into a better version of myself during this process. I agree to hold myself responsible and accountable for that, and will read all the material and do all my homework according to the publishing schedule. Therefore, I expect the best possible outcome.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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