

# **Self-Published Material : Frequently Asked Questions**

## **Can I make an appointment or call in to show you my book?**

We aren't able to meet with self-publishers about individual titles. Supplying a clear and concise synopsis of your book, author biography and cover image is the best way for us to assess your book for the collection. Please email this information to [enquiries@wcl.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@wcl.govt.nz) for our consideration.

## **Can I give you a copy of my book?**

We cannot accept copies of books. Technically they are unsolicited material for which we cannot take responsibility. We make all of our buying decisions without samples, based on the information we receive from suppliers and publishers.

## **Can you buy my book?**

No, we cannot buy directly from individuals. Due to Wellington City Council policy, we must purchase our library materials through contracted suppliers, who provide us with books which are processed and shelf-ready for library use.

## **Who are your contracted suppliers?**

Our New Zealand book suppliers are Unity Books in Wellington and Wheelers in Auckland. You can contact Unity Books, and you can request that Wheelers list your book on their website. It may also make it easier for other libraries who deal with Wheelers to purchase them. If you are outside New Zealand our international suppliers are Baker & Taylor and James Bennett.

## **Where else can I get help?**

The NZ Society of Authors has published useful booklets on Self-Publishing, Marketing Your Book and Writers and Tax. There is also a wealth of information on the Society's website. Contact Jenny Nagle, CEO NZSA, PO Box 7701, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141. Phone: 09 379 4801; email: [office@nzauthors.org.nz](mailto:office@nzauthors.org.nz), and website <https://authors.org.nz>. **NZ Society of Authors hold regular workshops, which are listed on their website.**

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