



Prospective Authors

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Guidelines for Successful Writers

Have a Clearly Defined Audience and Write to Them.

The best written books have authors that know the intended audience and intentionally create the text that is meaningful and relevant to them. This is not the time for one-size-fits-all. Keep in mind the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How. Define the objective of your writing and stick with that tenaciously.

Make This Your Work.

Avoid the use of other material(s) that requires obtaining permissions from authors and/or publishers except when it adds value to your work. Clearly reference ideas from other people and sources using primary citations. When in doubt, cite the work. Copyright is not only the law, it is a moral obligation. Use the permissions form that has been provided by Grace Acres Press to get authorization to use someone else's materials.

Planning and Organization.

Writers plan and organize in various ways, but there is no way around using these valuable tools for writers. Outlining is not only a valuable writing tool, but you will need a fully developed outline for proposals to publishers. Planning time to not only write, but also rewrite, is critical, as deadlines must be met.

Check your manuscript.

Have someone outside of the area of expertise read through the manuscript and have them specifically look for: transitions from one idea to the next; easily identifiable exhibits and figures; avoidance of jargon and acronyms. If you have to explain something to them, then it isn't clear to the reader.

- Does your material need a preface, introduction, or glossary?
- Create your manuscript in a Word documents, double-spaced.
- Create figures or exhibits in separate files.
- Don't spend time trying to create an index. Grace Acres Press will hire a professional indexer, if needed, for your book.
- Create a Table of Contents but don't put in page numbers.
- Spell check and grammar check are essential.

Revising Your Writing.

You will revise your first draft more than once before submitting it to the publisher. You will revise it again with feedback from content review and copyediting so make sure to allow time for that process.