

HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE READY TO PUBLISH YOUR FICTION BOOK?

1. Does your story follow the five elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution)?
2. Are all the conflicts resolved? (Even if the book is part of a series, the primary conflict must still be resolved.)
3. Check the names of each character. Are they spelled consistently?
4. Are your chapter lengths approximately the same length?
5. Has an unbiased person read your manuscript?
6. Have you edited your manuscript to the best of your ability? (Using [grammarly.com](https://www.grammarly.com) is a good start.)
7. Have you performed a competitive analysis to determine the best price for your book?
8. Have you mapped out the timeline of your book? Does it make sense?
9. Do your settings and plot reflect the correct season? (i.e., If it's winter, do you show your character putting a coat on or warming the car.)
10. Do you have a marketing plan?

HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE READY TO PUBLISH YOUR NONFICTION BOOK?

1. Have you written everything you intended to share?
2. Have you checked all of your facts?
3. Have you included footnotes?
4. Have you run your manuscript through a plagiarism check?
5. Has an unbiased person read your manuscript?
6. Have you checked for redundant content? (Sharing the same topic more than once?)
7. Have you performed a competitive analysis to determine the best price for your book?
8. Do you have a list of all materials you referenced?
9. If using Bible scriptures, did you include the book, chapter, verse, and bible version for each occurrence?
10. Are you withholding content or not sharing vital information for fear of backlash?
11. If you use real people in your book, do you have permission to use their names and likeness?
12. Do you have a marketing plan?