**Preparing Your Book for Publishing**

We’ve streamlined the course to make it the most accessible and easiest way to get your book into the world. With that said, we recommend working with IngramSpark (www.IngramSpark.com), a print-on-demand self-publisher that also distributes books to Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Target, and more. This means, you do not have to buy thousands of copies, but instead, you can purchase as little or as as many as you need for an affordable price. They will distribute your print and/or ebook to retail outlets worldwide.

During Step 4 in the course, we will introduce the production part with more information and video classes.

However, while we are in the design phase, here are some things to consider:

***Book Size***

IngramSpark offers paperback, hardback, and ebook. They offer a wide range of book sizes and both in black and white or color.

You can find all the options here:

<https://www.ingramspark.com/plan-your-book/print/trim-sizes>

However, if you plan on using one of the interior word templates we provide, we set them up for paperback, standard print sizes since that is the most common with all printers. Sizes include 8x5, 6x9, 7x10, 8.5x8.5, and 8.5x11.

***Pricing and Distribution***

To see what your book will cost and also how much you will make per sale on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other outlets, use these calculators:

Publisher Comp Calculator:

<https://myaccount.ingramspark.com/Portal/Tools/PubCompCalculator>

Print and Ship Calculator: <https://myaccount.ingramspark.com/Portal/Tools/ShippingCalculator?hsCtaTracking=03c48dd9-3f8d-4429-a259-44e70d30af2b%7Cc7b5d9e5-8b54-499b-b1f7-de082b9fe8ad>

***File Creations Templates***

Additionally here are print resources from IngramSpark to help you get the best results:

**Cover Template Generator:** This is the template Lucy downloaded in the Creating a Book Cover Tutorial. You can use this to get the correct dimensions of your book cover. <https://myaccount.ingramspark.com/Portal/Tools/CoverTemplateGenerator?hsCtaTracking=aa22205c-4f46-4015-a12f-ede1b365043f%7C0d481f42-7edb-483e-996a-a8fbaf0eebdc>

**PDF Print-Ready Checklist.** If you are working with a designer, you can send them the Cover Template Generator and this print-ready checklist: <https://www.ingramspark.com/hubfs/downloads/pdf-checklist.pdf?hsCtaTracking=08084ef2-fd62-41ee-bbb0-a065da3058da%7Cd46bbe07-dd89-4bed-a1f6-f79a0ebe9e36>