

## **Vanity publishers: How to identify and avoid them**

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Vanity publishers publish theses/books without going through peer review and editing procedure. They don't care about the quality of the theses/books they publish. They leave the authors to do all of the formatting and spell-checking on their own. They contact master's, bachelor's, and doctorate program graduates and offer to publish their theses for free. These publishers offer publication of an author's work in a book form for free. They use print-on-demand to distribute these/books at premium costs. Vanity publishers frequently target early-career scholars who are looking for opportunities to publish their work or may offer to publish their thesis. They advise the author to self-publish through a partner press instead. Vanity publishing does not only harm or degrade academic reputations but also waste time, money, resources, and efforts. These published publications rarely enhance an academic career due to a lack of quality control. These published theses/books do not have any scientific merit. These publications are worthless. Universities and research organizations should educate scholars and researchers, especially juniors, about the existence of vanity publishers. Vanity publications must be avoided while evaluating CV or biodata of researchers for job promotion and releasing the research grants. Authors should be careful that they should not send their thesis/books to any of these publishers. The list of some vanity publishers is given in below;

### **List of vanity publishers**

1. Abbott Press
2. Airleaf LLC
3. Alliant Press
4. Alpha Script
5. America Star Books (Also known as Publish America)
6. American Biographical Institute
7. Apple Academic Press
8. Archway Publishing [Simon and Schuster]
9. Austin Macauley Publishers
10. Author Solutions
11. Author Hive
12. Author House UK
13. Balboa Press [a Division of Hay House]
14. Biblio Bazaar
15. Books LLC
16. Christian Faith Publishing
17. Cognella (not precisely a vanity press, but with a similar impact)
18. Commonwealth Publications
19. DiggyPOD
20. Dog Ear Publishing
21. Dorrance Publishing
22. Editorial Académica Española (see OMNIScriptum)

23. Edwin Mellen Press
24. EU Researcher
25. Famous Poets Society
26. Friesen Press
27. GRIN Publishing
28. Harding House Publishing
29. Indiana-based New Century Publishing
30. iUniverse
31. Lambert Academic Publishing (LAP, see OMNI Scriptum)
32. LifeRich Publishing [Reader's Digest]
33. Lightning Source
34. Lumina Press
35. Lulu
36. Matador
37. Minerva Press Ltd
38. Morgan James Publishing
39. New Century Publishing
40. New Degree Press (NDP)
41. Newman Springs Publishing
42. Northwest Publishing
43. Notion press
44. Nova Science Publishers
45. Olympia Publishers
46. Outskirts Press
47. Page Publishing
48. Pagoda Publishing
49. Palibrio [for the Spanish-speaking community]
50. Partridge Publishing
51. Pegasus Elliot Mackenzie Publishers
52. Pentland Press
53. Poetry.com, (also known as International Library of Poetry)
54. Powell's Books
55. Press-Tige Publishing
56. Raider Publishing
57. Research Outreach (vanity PR magazine for academics)
58. Scholars' Press (see OMNI Scriptum)
59. Sovereign Publications
60. Tate Publishing & Enterprises
61. The Empty Canoe
62. Trafford Publishing
63. Vantage Press
64. VDM Verlag Dr. Müller (see OMNI Scriptum)
65. Vestal Creative Services
66. Westbow Press
67. WestBow Press
68. Xlibris [UK, AU, and NZ]

## Disclaimer

The above list was prepared from a Google search. The purpose of this article is only to create awareness about vanity publishers but not to harm any publishers which are non-vanity or genuine. Any resemblance to non-vanity publishers listed in the above list is purely coincidental.

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