Distribution

Print Books

Our print books are printed on demand by KDP, which means they are printed when they are ordered. They are then made available via Amazon and its subsidiaries, and eventually populate secondary websites such as Bookshop.org.

Bookshop Distribution

The distribution network that bookstores are plugged in to is very different from online stores, as they are not really tailored to on-demand production pipelines. Since 2024, our print books are distributed to US bookshops via Asterism Books. If bookshops are interested in stocking our publications, it is most convenient to reach out directly through them. Their ordering and inventory system is world-class.

An increasing number of bookstores stocks punctum books. You can check the map here.

Expanded Distribution

KDP also allows us to distribute through so-called "expanded distribution" via, for example, Ingram, which in turn is plugged into various print book distribution systems. The eligibility for expanded distribution depends on the format of the book (our regular 5 x 8 in. size is in principle eligible), but also on the contents of the book. Whether or not a book is eventually taken up by Ingram is their prerogative and we have unfortunately no direct influence on that decision.

- **Content:** Our distributors may not accept books according to their guidelines and policies. Content not currently accepted includes, but is not limited to:
  - Paperbacks containing frequent lined or blank pages, such as journals, notebooks, planners, calendars, agendas, organizers, or other similar works.
  - Paperbacks summarizing or providing insight into another published book without permission from the original author.
  - Paperbacks with interior pages that require a high concentration of ink to be printed.
  - Public domain content.
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  - Content that is poorly translated.
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  - Content that is excessively reused, recycled, or repeated within or across books.

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