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Guide to Self-Publishing Resources



There are many possibilities for aspiring authors to publish their work independently. Authors can self-publish in various formats—print, e-book, or audiobook.

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