



VINE LEAVES PRESS BOOK PUBLISHING CONTRACT

This contract is by and between **AUTHOR NAME**, henceforth known as “Author,” and **Vine Leaves Press**, registered in Melbourne, Australia, henceforth known as “Publisher,” for the purposes of coming to terms on the publication of **TITLE**, henceforth known as the “Book.”

This Agreement is set forth on **DATE**.

I. Grant of Rights and Territory

The Author grants the Publisher the following rights to the Book:

- Worldwide rights to publish in print and eBook in English for five years. (Film, audio book, and translation rights, remain with the Author.)

If the Author wishes to terminate the contract after five years, they may do so. If not, the Publisher will renew the contract. The Publisher reserves the right to alter the terms of the renewed contract.

II. Manuscript

The Author agrees to deliver any revisions to the Publisher by **DATE**. The Publisher shall have the right to edit the Book provided the meaning of the text is not materially altered, and shall have the right to publish and promote the Book in a suitable style as to paper, printing, binding, cover design, and to fix or alter price.

The Author shall have the opportunity to review any edits, have final approval of the Book’s text/content, and will have a chance to review the Book’s pages prior to printing and offer any suggestions or bring up any concerns.

The Publisher will have final approval over design (cover and interior) and production.

The schedule will be as follows:

DATE: Cover design and manuscript edits complete

DATE: 1st designed proofs complete

DATE: 1st proofs edited complete

DATE: 2nd designed proofs complete

DATE: Final corrections complete



DATE: Submit print files to Lightning Source

DATE: eBook files complete and uploaded to Amazon and IngramSpark

DATE: Official release

III. Royalties

The Publisher agrees to pay royalties on net sales from the sale of the first book, when the amount exceeds 10 (ten) AUD, according to the following:

Edition	Royalty Payment to Author	Frequency
Paperback	70% net	biannually
Electronic	70% net	biannually

No tax will be deducted. It will be the responsibility of the Author to declare the income in their own country.

IV. Indemnification

Author agrees that he is the sole creator of the Book, and has not previously published the Book in any other form. The Author indemnifies and holds harmless the Publisher against any and all claims, actions, demands, etc. arising from the publication of the Book. This includes, but is not limited to, actions involving plagiarism, fraud, slander, and theft.

V. Publication

Publisher will publish the Book no later than **DATE**, unless unforeseeable events occur, through no fault of the Publisher, that may delay publication. These events include, but are not limited to, crimes against the Publisher and labour strikes.

The Publisher agrees that the Book shall be published at its own expense.

If the Publisher fails to publish the Book within 12 months from signing this contract, the Author may, at the Author's option, by written notice to the Publisher, terminate this Agreement. In such event no damages, suits, actions, or proceedings shall be claimed, instituted or maintained by the Author against the Publisher.



The Publisher agrees to promote the book to the best of their ability through *Vine Leaves Literary Journal*, Goodreads, and staff social media platforms. Any live book launches and/or events, and book award/contest entries, are at the expense of the Author.

VI. Statements of Account

The Publisher agrees to provide the Author with statements of sales statistics no more than once a month upon request.

VII. Competing Works

The Author agrees that he shall publish no other material related to the Book mentioned herein, during the terms of this contract, unless agreed upon by the Publisher (e.g. Author may not publish individual pieces from the Book in any other literary magazines without the Publisher's prior approval).

VIII. Out-of-Print

If the Book shall ever become "out of print," all rights owned by the Publisher will transfer to the Author, and this Contract, including all provisions herein, will be considered terminated.

IX. Termination

Other than the provisions set forth in the above section, this Contract may only be terminated if it has been agreed upon by both the Author and Publisher.

X. Author Copies

The Publisher agrees to provide the Author with at least **NUMBER** free author copies of the published paperback.

The Publisher agrees to allow the Author to give away as many electronic review copies of the Book as they wish at their own discretion.



The Publisher grants the Author the right to sell the Book (purchased from Publisher at 50% off retail price + free shipping) at discounts that the Author determines. In such cases, the buyers will deal directly with the Author on ordering, customer service, returns, payment, or any other matter related to their purchase from the author of the Book.

Royalties shall not be paid to the Author on author copies.

This Contract is subject to the laws and regulations of Australia.

Signed:

NAME

Author Printed Name

Jessica C. Bell

Publishing Editor Name

Spilios Tzemos

Witness Name

Author Signature

Publishing Editor Signature

Witness Signature