

Chapter 47
My Father *Always* Knows Best
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“An autobiography is only to be trusted when it reveals something disgraceful. A man who gives a good account of himself is probably lying since any life when viewed from the inside is simply a series of defeats.” – George Orwell

Now, it seemed as if the only option I had left was to self-publish. Unfortunately, I knew very little about self-publishing. So here I was again, not knowing which way to turn. To tell you the truth, I was at the end of my rope, but deep down inside, I really didn't want to give up—not for awhile at least. So I decided to give God one more chance.

Now I had time to kill. Whenever I have spare time, I love to surf the Internet and that's just what I did. I especially like to read about the Illuminati and what's *really* going on in the world. So one night I was googling “Illuminati,” and by chance came upon an interview that was done in the year 2000 with a Joseph L. Prince (anagram). I became fascinated by this man who had chronicled the *real* history of the Illuminati and for that matter the *real* history of the world. His book had been published (now out of print), and I told myself, “If he found a publisher, so can I.” Still determined not to self-publish, I googled his publisher's name and came up with one page of results.

“It figures,” I said to myself as I scanned the page. The results were all self-publishing websites, and I had been down that road before. “Oh, what the heck,” I said to myself, “I'll look anyway.” I then skipped down a few links and randomly clicked on one entitled Booksurge.com.

Just for the heck of it, because it was free, I filled out an application to self-publish. Then I clicked on the button and submitted it. Supposedly, a customer service rep would be contacting me. “This was different,” I thought to myself, “Most self-publishing sites will not even bother to communicate with anyone over the phone.” Now curious, I began scrolling down the rest of the home page and came upon a toll-free number. “Wow! This IS really something!” Then I scrolled down to the bottom of the page where it stated: “Booksurge

Publishing is a subsidiary of Amazon.com!” “Oh my gosh!” I thought to myself, “Maybe *this* is the opportunity I’ve been looking for. Maybe I’m supposed to self-publish on Amazon.com!”

I immediately picked up the phone and called their toll-free number. I was only on hold a few seconds before I was connected to a “live” customer service rep, and to my surprise she was American! You can only imagine how good that felt to talk to a “live” person who was also in America and not in a third-world country.

She then looked up my application and verified the information I had submitted. She informed me that I had been assigned to David G, but unfortunately, David was in a meeting. She politely asked if he could call me back the next morning, and I wholeheartedly said, “Yes, as soon as possible.”

Sure enough, just as the customer service rep had promised, David called me at eight o’clock the next morning, and the following is a condensed script of our conversation:

Linda: Can you tell me about royalties?

David: You get 25 percent of the list price if it is sold on Amazon.com. If it is sold in the stores you get 10 percent of the list price . Also, if you have an Amazon.com link on your website, you get a commission if that person buys anything on Amazon.com through your link.

Linda: Do I get to keep ownership of my book?

David: Yes, you do.

Linda: Are there any setup charges?

David: Yes, a one-time fee of \$99 which includes an ISBN number.

Linda: This is too hard to believe. Can book stores order and sell my book?

David: Yes.

Linda: You mean, if someone walks into Borders, they could order my book?

David: Yes, and you would get ten percent of the list price.

Linda: This is too good to be true! Where are you calling from?

David: South Carolina.

(At this time, David “walked” me through the tutorials on their web site. I was amazed that he could take the time to do this. He also made it clear to me that if I had any questions or problems, to just call him!)

David: I'm going to e-mail you your password and after that you can log onto the website yourself and fill out the financial paperwork and fax them in. Do you have any other questions?

Linda: No. I'm just so excited about being part of Booksurge. I never imagined it could be this easy to self-publish. This is better than being published by a big publishing house. And you know what adds icing to the cake?

David: No. What?

Linda: That Amazon.com believes in America and supports Americans' jobs, Thank you so much, David! You have made me so very happy!

David: You're welcome. It's going to be a pleasure doing business with you, Linda. Just call me if you have any more questions. Good-bye.

Linda: Bye.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: Once again God came through and caught me completely by surprise, AND the solution did appear where I least expected it. Thinking back, my Father ALWAYS knows best. Thank you Father, for I am truly grateful.



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