# 50 of the Best Free or Low-Cost Marketing Methods for Writers and Self-Publishers

As a writer or self-publisher, marketing your book can be a daunting task. But it doesn't have to be expensive. Here are 50 free or low-cost marketing methods that you can use to get your book in front of more readers.



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#### 1. Create a website

Your website is your online home, so make sure it's well-designed and easy to navigate. Include information about your book, your author bio, and links to your social media profiles.

## 2. Start a blog

A blog is a great way to connect with potential readers and share your expertise. Write about topics related to your book, such as your writing

process, your research, or the inspiration behind your story.

#### 3. Use social media

Social media is a powerful tool for marketing your book. Create profiles on the major social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Share updates about your book, interact with potential readers, and run contests and giveaways.

#### 4. Get involved in online communities

There are many online communities for writers and self-publishers. Join these communities and participate in discussions, ask questions, and offer help to other members. This is a great way to network with potential readers and get your book in front of a wider audience.

## 5. Submit guest posts to other blogs

Guest posting is a great way to get your work in front of a new audience. Reach out to other blogs in your genre and offer to write a guest post. Include a link to your website or book in your author bio.

## 6. Run a giveaway or contest

Giveaways and contests are a great way to generate excitement about your book and attract new readers. Offer a free copy of your book as a prize, or run a contest where participants can submit their own writing for a chance to win.

#### 7. Create a book trailer

A book trailer is a short video that promotes your book. Use video editing software to create a trailer that showcases your book's cover, introduces

the main characters, and gives readers a taste of the story.

## 8. Get involved in your local community

Attend local book fairs, festivals, and other events. This is a great way to meet potential readers and get your book in front of a wider audience.

### 9. Offer discounts and promotions

Offer discounts and promotions on your book to attract new readers. You can run a sale on your website, offer a free chapter download, or provide a discount code to your email subscribers.

#### 10. Get reviews

Reviews are important for building credibility and attracting new readers. Ask your friends, family, and colleagues to read your book and leave reviews on Amazon, Goodreads, and other review sites.

## 11. Join a writing group

Joining a writing group is a great way to get feedback on your work, meet other writers, and learn about the writing and publishing process.

## 12. Attend writing workshops and conferences

Attending writing workshops and conferences is a great way to learn from experienced authors and industry professionals. You can also meet other writers and get your work in front of potential publishers.

#### 13. Create a newsletter

A newsletter is a great way to stay in touch with your readers and promote your book. Send out regular updates about your writing, your book, and

your upcoming events.

## 14. Use paid advertising

Paid advertising can be an effective way to reach a wider audience for your book. Consider running ads on Facebook, Twitter, or Amazon. You can target your ads to specific demographics and interests.

## 15. Hire a publicist

If you have the budget, hiring a publicist can help you get your book in front of a wider audience. Publicists can help you secure media coverage, book signings, and other promotional opportunities.

## 16. Submit your book to awards

Submitting your book to awards is a great way to get recognition for your work and attract new readers. There are many different awards available for writers and self-publishers, so do some research to find the ones that are right for you.

#### 17. Create a book club kit

Creating a book club kit can help you attract new readers and generate buzz around your book. Include discussion questions, recipes, and other materials that will make your book club meetings more fun and engaging.

## 18. Offer a free sample of your book

Offering a free sample of your book is a great way to entice potential readers to buy the full version. You can post a sample on your website, Amazon, or other online retailers.

#### 19. Host a virtual book tour

A virtual book tour is a great way to reach a wider audience for your book. Host live events on Facebook Live, YouTube Live, or other platforms. You can read from your book, answer questions, and interact with potential readers.

#### 20. Partner with other authors

Partnering with other authors can help you reach a wider audience for your book. Co-host events, collaborate on projects, and cross-promote each other's books.

## 21. Create a book-themed gift basket

A book-themed gift basket is a great way to promote your book and make a unique gift. Include your book, along with other items related to the book's theme, such as candles, tea, or bath bombs.

## 22. Create a book-inspired playlist

A book-inspired playlist is a great way to promote your book and give readers a taste of the book's atmosphere. Create a playlist of songs that reflect the book's themes, setting, or characters.

#### 23. Create a book-themed menu

A book-themed menu is a great way to promote your book at a restaurant or coffee shop. Create a menu of dishes and drinks that are inspired by the book's characters, setting, or themes.

## 24. Create a book-themed scavenger hunt

A book-themed scavenger hunt is a great way to promote your book and get people talking about it. Create a scavenger hunt that leads participants to clues related to your book.

#### 25. Create a book-themed puzzle

A book-themed puzzle is a great way to promote your book and challenge your readers. Create a crossword puzzle, word search, or other puzzle that is related to your book.

## 26. Create a book-themed game

A book-themed game is a great way to promote your book and get people interacting with it. Create a board game, card game, or other game that is related to your book.

## 27. Create a book-themed social media campaign

A book-themed social media campaign is a great way to promote your book and get people talking about it on social media. Create a hashtag for your book and encourage people to use it when they post about your book.

## 28. Create a book-themed blog tour

A book-themed blog tour is a great way to promote your book and get it in front of a wider audience. Reach out to bloggers in your genre and offer to send them a free copy of your book in exchange for a review.

## 29. Create a book-themed podcast

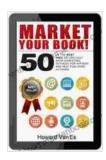
A book-themed podcast is a great way to promote your book and reach a new audience. Start a podcast where you discuss your book, your writing process, and other topics related to writing and publishing.

#### 30. Create a book-themed YouTube channel

A book-themed YouTube channel is a great way to promote your book and connect with your readers on a more personal level. Start a YouTube channel where you post videos about your book, your writing process, and other topics related to writing and publishing.

#### 31. Create a book-themed merchandise store

A book-themed merchandise store is a great way to promote your book and make some extra money. Create a store where you sell t-shirts, mugs, tote bags, and other merchandise featuring your book's cover



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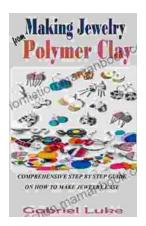
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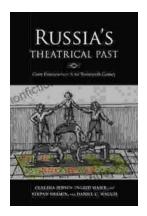


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