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Making Publishing A Reality

Does Archangel Ink Assist with Copyrighting My Book?

The short answer is "No." We are a publishing service provider, and the author retains all rights and responsibilities for their work, including any relating to copyright claims or infringement.

A related question: do I need to copyright my book? The answer: it depends. Generally in the United States, copyright initiates the moment you begin any creative work and fix it into a tangible medium, including writing it on paper or typing and saving it on a computer. According to some resources, you don't even need to include the copyright symbol ©. So in the United States, you don't need to do anything to copyright your work. By virtue of creating it, copyright protections are afforded to you.

However, you may elect to *register* your copyright with the US Copyright Office, which involves paying a fee to process and certify a copyright claim on a creative work. In the event of a copyright dispute or infringement claim, registration may be helpful and may afford additional protections. Bear in mind: you may register your claim at any point, even after your book is commercially available, so it is not necessary to register before you come to market.

Most of our authors elect not to register at the time of publication and rely instead on the protections automatically afforded by US copyright laws. But the choice is yours, and for specific legal advice, we always recommend consulting qualified counsel.

Two links for further reading:

1) Copyright Myths (Plagiarism Today): <https://www.plagiarismtoday.com/stopping-internet-plagiarism/your-copyrights-online/3-copyright-myths/>

2) Kindlepreneur: How to Copyright a Book In the US (Written by a Lawyer): <https://kindlepreneur.com/how-to-copyright-a-book/>

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