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# Add Your First Book to Goodreads

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A Step-by-Step Workbook for  
Debut Authors.

# Introduction:

Congratulations on publishing your first book!

Getting your book on Goodreads is one of the easiest ways to connect with readers, gain visibility, and start building your author platform. This workbook will guide you step by step, making the process simple and stress-free.

Inside, you'll find clear instructions, interactive checklists, and spaces to track your progress as you submit your book. By the end of this workbook, your book will be ready for readers to discover, review, and share, and you'll have the confidence to manage your Goodreads presence like a pro.

Let's get started!



**A STEP-BY-STEP WORKBOOK FOR  
DEBUT AUTHORS.**

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# THE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

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## *Prepare Your Goodreads Account*

Before you submit your book, make sure you have a Goodreads account. Take a moment to log in and go to your profile page.

Write down your profile link or username here:

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## *Access the Goodreads Librarian Group*

From your profile, click on the Discussions tab. Scroll through the available groups and find the Goodreads Librarian Group. Join the group if you haven't already.

Once you've joined, write down the date you joined:

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## *Locate the Correct Board*

Inside the Librarian Group, navigate to "Adding New Books and Editions." Take some time to read the pinned threads at the top; they often answer common questions about adding books.

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## *Fill Out the Submission Template*

Click on “How to Request a Book to be Added to Goodreads.” Copy the “Please Provide” template from that thread. Go to the “New Topic” section of the “Adding New Books” board. Paste the template into the text area and fill in all your book information.

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## *Be Patient & Follow-Up*

After posting, remember that Goodreads librarians are volunteers and may take some time to respond. Allow 2–3 days before sending a gentle follow-up. If you need to prompt them, reply to your own thread politely asking for an update.

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## *Bonus Notes & Tips*

Double-check spelling, formatting, and accuracy before posting. Be polite and patient with librarians; they help many authors! Keep a copy of your submission for your own records.

# Conclusion:

Congratulations, you've completed the step-by-step process for getting your book added to Goodreads! By following this workbook, you've taken a major step toward building your author platform and making your work visible to readers worldwide. This process is about more than just adding a book; it's about connecting with your audience, creating a professional presence, and setting the stage for reviews, engagement, and future marketing opportunities.

Remember, Goodreads is a living community. Once your book is added, you can continue to update your author profile, engage in discussion groups, respond to reader questions, and track reviews. The relationships you build here can help you gain loyal readers, learn more about your audience, and grow as an author.

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It's also important to celebrate your progress. Publishing your first book is a huge achievement, and taking the time to ensure it's properly listed and accessible shows your commitment to your craft. Be patient with the librarians and with yourself; every step you take now lays the foundation for a long-term, successful writing career.

Finally, consider this workbook as a starting point. Keep learning, keep connecting, and keep writing. The world is waiting for your stories.

Your book deserves to be seen, your voice deserves to be heard, and you now have the tools to make that happen.