

Resources to check out potential scammers

Use websites like WriterBeware.blog to see if the firm approaching you is a known scammer.

You can research a website domain on Who.Is to find out how long it has been around.

The Independent Book Publishers Association offers criteria to help you evaluate hybrid publishers.

There is always the Better Business Bureau as well to check a business's reputation.

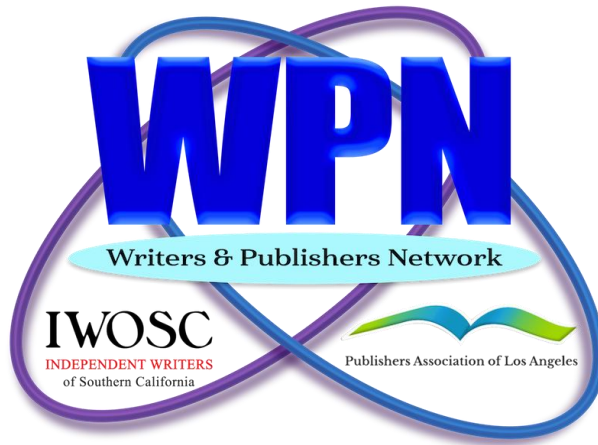
Scam Advisor might provide help as well as the Ripoff Report.

This list is courtesy of Black Chateau.

Chat comments with links from the Author Scam Panel

17:56:42 From Karen Kukurin to Hosts and panelists:

Is this being recorded and will it be available to attendees?



17:57:51 From Kathleen Kaiser to Hosts and panelists:

Yes, it is being recorded and will be available when we send you link along with handouts.

18:06:08 From Wayne Welde to Hosts and panelists:

Kathleen, a side note. We missed you at the Green Room on Monday. Part of the discussion had to do with having books placed at the LAC Times Bookfair,

18:07:05 From Kathleen Kaiser to Hosts and panelists:

I've sent one email out and more will be coming soon with all the details for the LA Times Booth that WPN hosts.

18:08:51 From Kathleen Kaiser to Hosts and panelists:

Here's the link to find out more about LA Times Festival of Books WPN booth.
<https://www.writersandpublishing.com/>

18:15:54 From Lisa Angle WPN CTO to Hosts and panelists:

Check out Victoria's site <https://writerbeware.blog/>

18:43:29 From Judy Barrat to Everyone:

can you trust contests and/or publishers listed in Poets & Writers and Writers Digest Magazines?

18:44:43 From Judy Barrat to Everyone:

Thanks

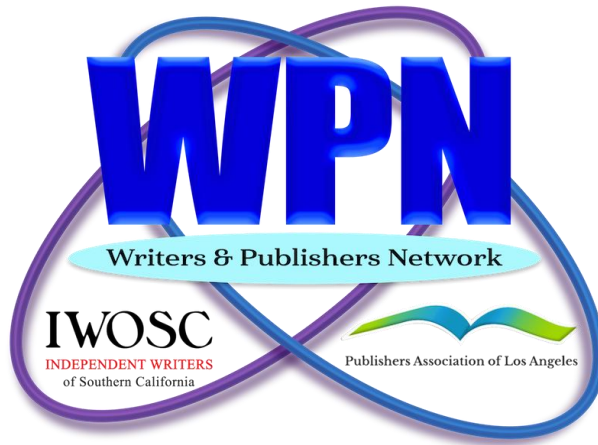
18:47:18 From Betsy Barker to Everyone:

Lots of Sisters in Crime friends are reporting oceanofpdf as piracy
They talk published books and allow users to download for free

They found the web hosting company and sent a stop order

They also reported it to the Authors Guild who is going after the the host and the pirates

18:53:02 From Lisa Angle WPN CTO to Hosts and panelists:



IBPA's Hybrid Publisher Criteria <https://www.ibpa-online.org/page/hybridpublisher>

18:58:04 From Robin Heffler to Everyone:

Could you do a summary of the key takeaways so far?

18:58:49 From Betsy Barker to Everyone:

Ok, thanks for the great info!

19:02:56 From Karen Kukurin to Hosts and panelists:

Wow! Enlightening and disheartening.

19:03:44 From Lisa Angle WPN CTO to Hosts and panelists:

Jane Friedman claims she had to fight against Amazon's refusal to remove the misattributed titles because she had not trademarked her name

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2023/aug/09/amazon-removes-books-generated-by-ai-for-sale-under-authors-name>

19:03:51 From ed tar to Everyone:

Can you talk a little about possible scams in marketing and advertising your book.

19:04:02 From Cynthia Doss to Hosts and panelists:

Does WPA want to hear about potential scams members are encountering?

19:04:52 From Robin Heffler to Everyone:

Thank you!

19:05:52 From Lisa Angle WPN CTO to Hosts and panelists:

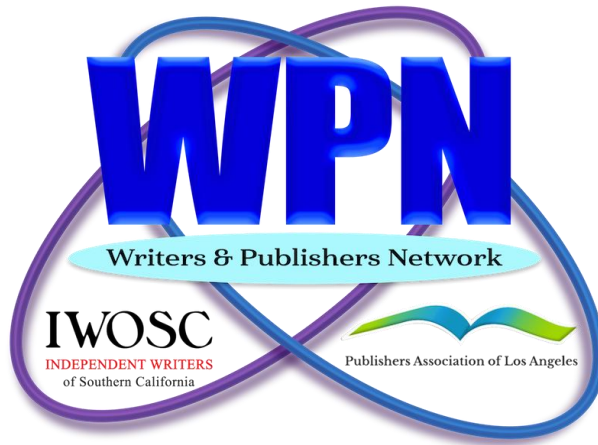
Here's her email Kathleen@kathleenkaiser.com

19:06:51 From Robin Heffler to Everyone:

Victoria -- please put that e-mail in the chat

19:07:43 From Victoria Strauss to Hosts and panelists:

beware@sfa.org



19:09:24 From Sylvia Cary to Everyone:

These places vet contests [Blog.Reedsy.com](#) (500 contests)

[janefriedman.com](#) (has contest information)

[JerryJenkins.com](#) (lists free contests)

[MovieBytes.com](#) (film scripts and shorts)

[Science Fiction Writers of America \(sfa.org\)](#)

19:09:45 From Cynthia Doss to Everyone:

This has been extremely helpful. Thank you so much

19:10:17 From Victoria Strauss to Hosts and panelists:

Also for contests: Winning Writers <https://winningwriters.com/>

19:11:21 From Robin Quinn to Hosts and panelists:

Awesome panel. Great info!

19:11:54 From Carol Amato to Everyone:

Excellent presentation!

19:12:00 From Robin Heffler to Everyone:

Thanks happy holidays