

HOW TO SURVIVE AS A WRITER

LIE #1

We need a degree or a mentor to
teach us how to write.

LIE #2

I will have to pay to get an agent
or to get my book published.

You should never have to pay an agent or publisher for:

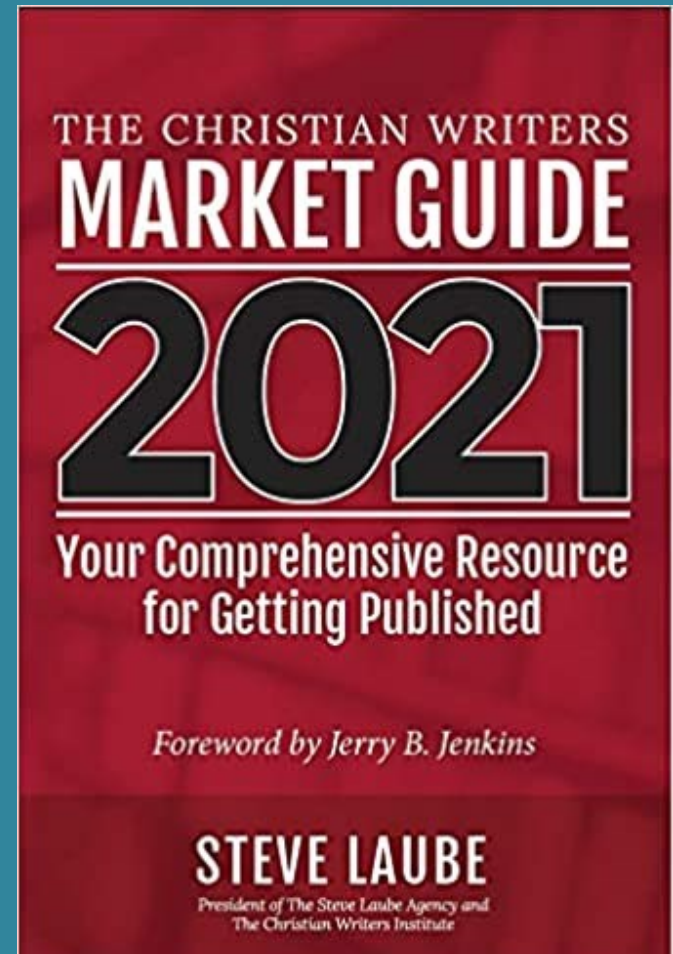
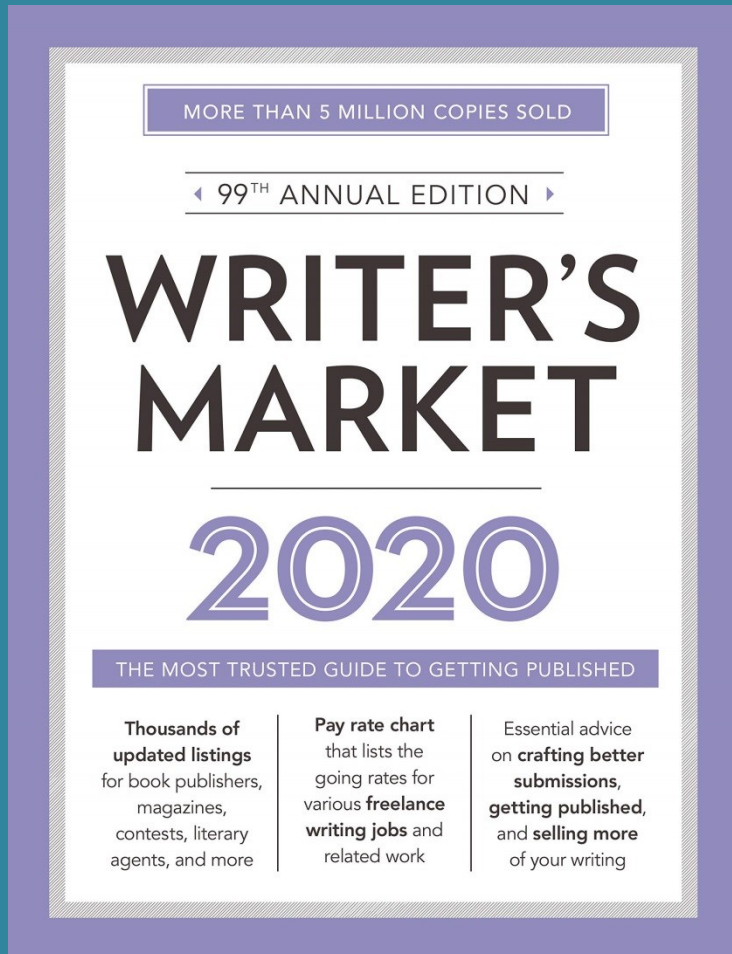
- Reading fees
- Editing fees (often from editors with no training or skill)
- Copyright registration
- Promotional services and marketing fees
- To be listed in the publisher's catalog

Meet Rachel



A vanity press, vanity publisher, or subsidy publisher, is a publishing house in which authors pay to have their books published.

How do you know if a publisher is legit?



When in doubt, ask someone
who knows.

Do your research

Here is a link to an article on publishing industry scams:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/adamrowe1/2018/07/25/publishing-industry-scams-are-evolving-for-the-self-publishing-age/?sh=20a4c9fb7e12>

Here is a link to a website that offers advice about how to tell if a self-publishing company might be taking advantage:

<https://gatekeeperpress.com/self-publishing-companies-to-avoid/>

LIE #3

Being a writer is easy.



**“Books aren't written - they're rewritten.
Including your own. It is one of the
hardest things to accept, especially after
the seventh rewrite hasn't quite done it.”**

Michael Crichton



LIE #4

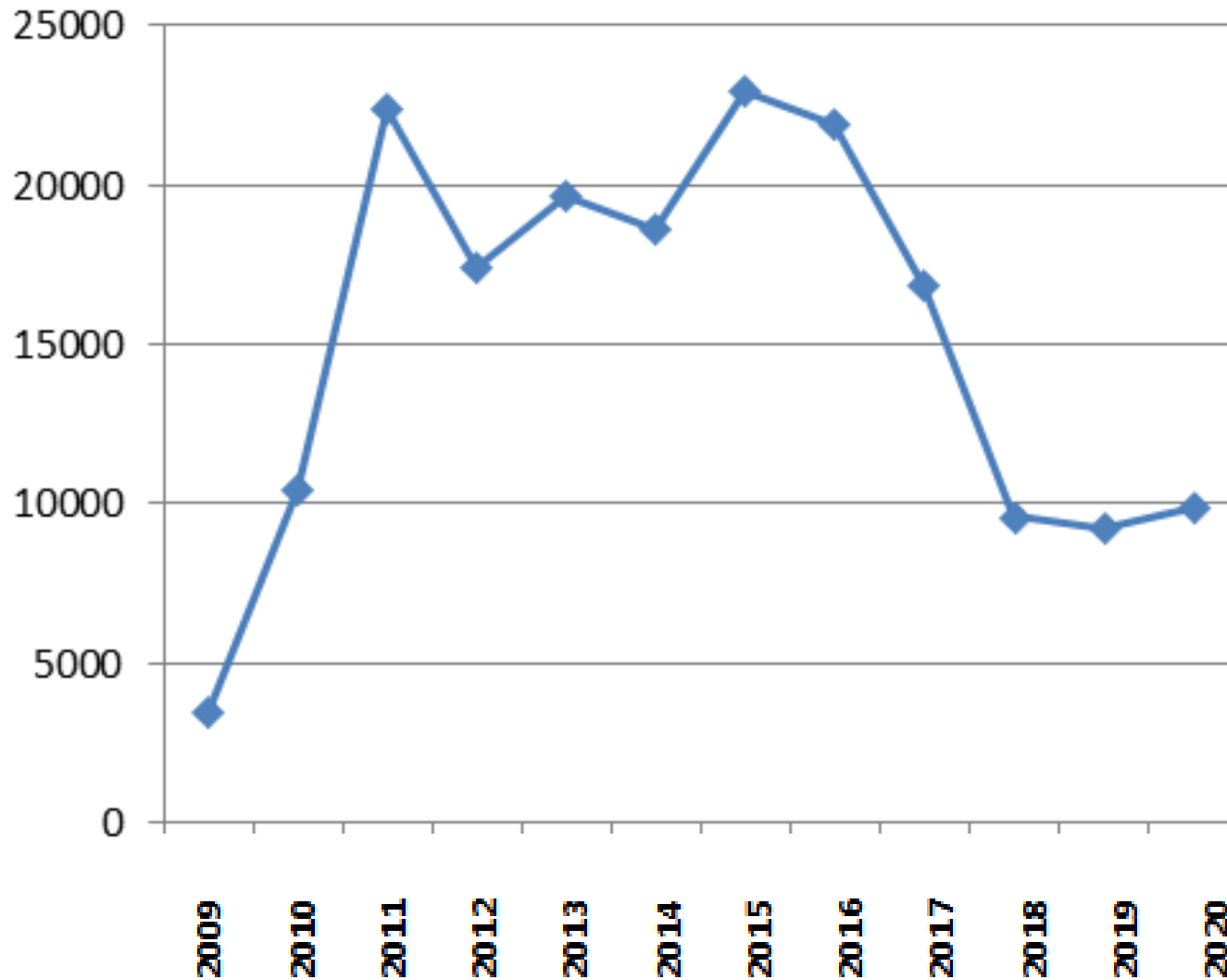
Writers make lots of money.

Most writers are bivocational
or supported by a family
member.

- How advances and royalties work.
- How indie income works.
- A note on cash flow.

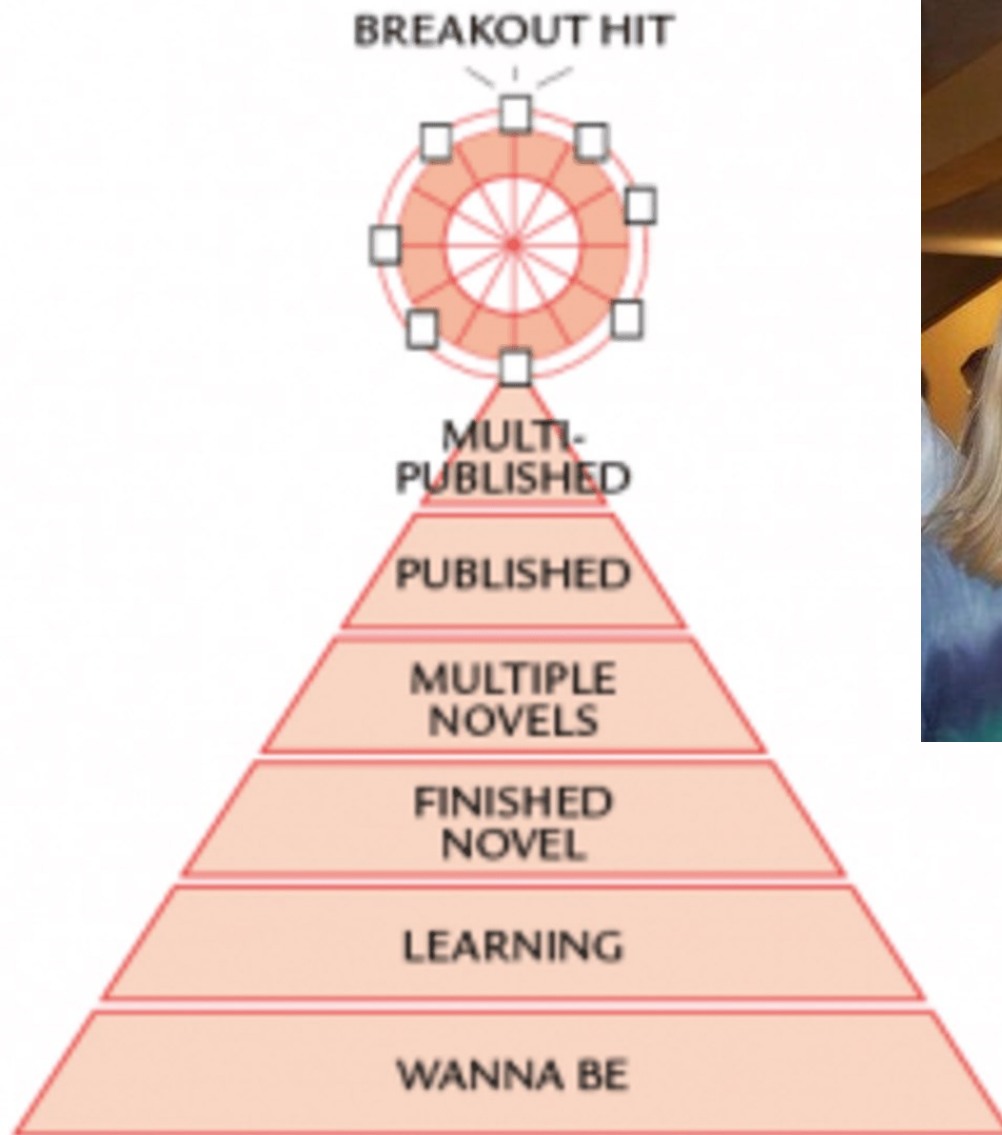


My Writing Income



LIE #5

The odds are against me.



LIE #6+

Lies that threaten to derail us
from our goal.

LIE #7

If I quit, I'm a failure.



**Fashion Institute
of Technology**



DON'T BE AFRAID,
FOR **I AM** WITH YOU.

DON'T BE DISCOURAGED,
FOR **I AM** YOUR **GOD**. I WILL
STRENGTHEN YOU
AND HELP YOU.

I WILL HOLD YOU UP WITH
MY VICTORIOUS RIGHT HAND.

ISAIAH 41:10