

Sampling the Writer's Tech Toolkit

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Service providers

- Fiverr (<https://www.fiverr.com/>) Vetted service providers worldwide
 - Graphic Designers
 - Beta Readers
 - Test marketing
 - Voice over actors

Artificial Intelligence

- Providers
 - Free (for now)
 - ChatGPT (Open AI) <https://chat.openai.com/>
 - Gemini (Google) <https://gemini.google.com/app> (formerly Bard)
 - Copilot (Microsoft) <https://copilot.microsoft.com/>
 - Embedded in Grammarly <https://app.grammarly.com/>
 - Jetpack has a paid offering on Wordpress blogs
- Applications
 - Brainstorming (e.g., character names, title alternatives, settings, anything)
 - Research
 - Blurbs (condensing and summarizing)
 - Editorial improvements (critiquing)
 - Writing copy (e.g., ads, memos, emails)

DIY graphics

- Canva <https://www.canva.com/>

Grammar / editing programs

- Word
- Grammarly <https://app.grammarly.com/>
 - free plan works well
 - works in various applications behind the scenes

Free Stuff

- Images
 - Unsplash <https://unsplash.com/>
 - Pixabay <https://pixabay.com/>
- Music
 - Pixabay <https://pixabay.com/music/>

BONUS!

FREE tools:

Keepass (secure, local password repository with copy/paste capability) <https://keepass.info/>

Audacity (audio editing and recording) <https://www.audacityteam.org/>

Acast (podcast distributor) <https://www.acast.com/>

MailerLite (email list manager) <https://www.mailerlite.com/>

Goodreads (catalogs books, including reviews) <https://www.goodreads.com/>

Library Thing (catalogs books, including reviews) <https://www.librarything.com/>

Amazon's Author Central (dashboard w sales and reviews) <https://author.amazon.com/>

Bookbub (e-book promotional site, reviews, and deals) <https://www.bookbub.com/>

Chirp (audiobook equivalent of Bookbub) <https://www.chirpbooks.com/home>

Reedsy (gateway to creation and publishing freelancers) <https://reedsy.com/>

These partners take a cut of your earnings:

Draft2Digital (distributes e-books to most platforms) <https://www.draft2digital.com/>

Ingram Spark (print and/or distribute paperbacks) <https://www.ingramspark.com/>

Kindle Direct Publishing (Amazon's "Create, Manage, Publish") <https://kdp.amazon.com/>

ACX (Amazon's audiobook creation and publishing) <https://www.acx.com/>

Findaway Voices (audiobook distributor, most platforms) <https://www.findawayvoices.com/>

Not free but useful:

Atticus (create e-book files or print-ready pdfs) <https://www.atticus.io/>

Bookfunnel (delivers e-books and group promos) <https://bookfunnel.com/>

Booksweeps (building a newsletter following) <https://www.booksweeps.com/>

Clubflyers (discounted bookmarks, business cards) <https://www.clubflyers.com/>

VistaPrint (bookmarks, business cards, and much more) <https://www.vistaprint.com/>

Banners on the Cheap (discounted signage) <https://www.bannersonthecheap.com/>