

Struggling with an Alternative for PayPal Users

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I've had a number of folks from countries outside the US who have contacted me to ask me how I'm going to make either my novels or my courses available to readers or students who don't have access to Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com or the Apple Store or CreateSpace.



What these folks have all had in common is their ability to buy via PayPal (and thus to use Smashwords).

I promised to re-investigate Smashwords, and it remains as bad a deal for writers as it was before. I think I've come up with a workable alternative, but it will be a lot of work for me, so before I leap into it, I'd like to get just a rough idea of interest.

If you only have access to US products via a PayPal account, please let me know here, as well as a little info about where you are, or why you prefer PDFs, or why you prefer PayPal.

Format will be PDF. I simply don't have the time or the ability to create a bunch of different versions of my work for all the platforms out there.

Prices will match the prices I offer elsewhere, and the content will, aside from format, be otherwise identical. I'm considering doing this as a matter of accessibility for folks who might not be able to get my work otherwise.

ADDED LATER: My take on the whole true self-publishing vs. packaged publishing issue.

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