

CWA now open to self-published authors

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The move comes after CWA members voted by a clear majority in favour of accepting self-published authors



For the first time in its 68-year history, the Crime Writers' Association will allow self-published authors to join its ranks. The move comes after the CWA consulted its members, who voted with an 84% majority to allow self-published authors to join.

Maxim Jakubowski, chair of the Crime Writers' Association, said: "The founding mission of the CWA was to support, promote and celebrate the crime genre and its authors. In the past, we only accepted traditionally published authors into the CWA, as this was the best indicator of quality. The publishing landscape has changed in recent years, and self-publishing has become a route for professional writers, and indeed there are many trailblazers in this field. The time is right to update our membership criteria.

"We continue to be committed to quality. Successful self-publishing today requires the same professional approach that publishers take, so we felt it was wrong to discriminate against self-published authors. It's clear the overwhelming majority of our members who voted feel the same way."

Self-published authors wishing to become a CWA member 'will need to demonstrate a level of professionalism through a simple-to-complete application form. This will be publicised on the CWA website from 13 September, when the CWA will first accept applications.'

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