

Understanding and Negotiating Contracts

Some Legal Disclaimers

- I am not an attorney nor will I be dispensing legal advice in this class
- To properly understand a book contract, you should contact a literary attorney

Contract Resources

Book contracts:

The Author's Guild (www.authorsguild.org)

Author Law (www.authorlaw.com)

Author Law A – Z, A Desktop Guide to Writers' Rights and Responsibilities by Sallie Randolph, Stacy Davis, Anthony Elia, and Karen Dustman, Capital Books, Inc. 2005

Book Contracts

Joan Collins contract – Four Million Dollars: <http://terrylinks.com/collins>

You have a book contract. Congratulations. Now what?

Examination of a sample book publishing agreement

Some Non-negotiable (in general): Publisher titles the book, edits the book, and writes the back cover material for the book.

Contract Dos and Don'ts by Sallie Randolph

Some basic terms and negotiating tips

Is everything right or are you prepared to walk away?

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