



Fieldhouse Publishing Contract

AGREEMENT between *Fieldhouse Publishing* (“Publisher”) and Jane Smith (“Author”).

This Agreement is to publish the printed paperback edition and eBook digital edition of Author’s book *Best Story Ever* (“the Book”). The two parties agree as follows:

1. Author shall deliver to *Fieldhouse Publishing* an original manuscript. (Digital WORD document.)
2. Author grants *Fieldhouse Publishing* the exclusive rights to print, publish, distribute, sell and license the rights to any and all editions and/or formats of the Book, in whole or in part, in the English language throughout the world.
 - 2a. Author grants *Fieldhouse Publishing* the exclusive rights to electronic versions of the Book, including an eBook version.
 - 2b. These rights shall be granted to *Fieldhouse Publishing* for a period of Five (5) years from date of this agreement. After five years, a new contract must be agreed and signed.
3. The Author vows that the work is his/hers; that the Book will not infringe upon the personal rights of or give rise to any claim by any third party, including, without limitation, claims in defamation, privacy, copyright, or trademark; and that the Author has the authority to grant Publisher the rights granted in this agreement. *Fieldhouse Publishing* will have no obligation to publish any part of the Book which in its opinion would infringe upon such rights of any third party.
4. *Fieldhouse Publishing* have the right to edit and make changes or alterations to the Book. *Fieldhouse Publishing* has the rights over the design, format and style of the Book including text, graphic material, cover art, book description, and interior layout/design.
5. The Author at any time may purchase the Book from *Fieldhouse Publishing* at a wholesale cost based current printing cost per book for the purpose of sales, marketing, and keepsakes. Books will be delivered directly to the Author’s address.



6. *Fieldhouse Publishing* agrees to pay the Author 20% of Net Receipts for all Printed Sales, 30% of Net Receipts for all Printed Copies sold in any Ron Knight Entertainment store locations, 50% of Net Receipts for all Digital Sales, and 50% of Net Receipts for all Merchandise Sales. All Net Receipts will be paid once a month via Zelle or PayPal.

7. If an offer is received for an option to sell the AV (Audio/Visual) rights including film, television, or video, the Publisher and Author will negotiate terms of the sale. Options will not automatically be given to the Publisher without written consent from the Author and options will not be given to Author without written consent from the Publisher. The Publisher and Author will each receive 50% of the gross earnings of any AV sales.

8. If there is a disagreement between the two parties arising out of this agreement, it will be resolved in good faith through an arbitrator in Cleveland, Ohio, to be selected by both parties. The arbitrator's decision may be entered into in any court having jurisdiction.

No arbitration can be commenced and neither Author nor *Fieldhouse Publishing* can be found to be in breach of this Agreement unless they have been given written notice identifying the breach and a thirty-day opportunity to cure it.

9. This agreement is subject to the laws of the State of Ohio.

10. The Author shall have the right to make a written request to examine *Fieldhouse Publishing* accounts, insofar as they relate to the Book. Such an examination shall be at the cost of the Author unless errors in accounting of the Author shall be found to his/her disadvantage, in which case the cost shall be borne by *Fieldhouse Publishing*. The examination must be done by the Author's representative or accountant.

11. Should *Fieldhouse Publishing* default in complying with the terms of this Agreement and does not rectify such default within 30 days, all rights shall revert to the Author.

12. Should the Book be out of print at any time and *Fieldhouse Publishing* fails to reprint within three months, all rights granted herein shall revert to the Author. The existence of an electronic edition shall not mean the Book is in print.



13. This Agreement may be assigned by *Fieldhouse Publishing* as part of the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of *Fieldhouse Publishing* business or is part of a merger or consolidation of *Fieldhouse Publishing* with another company. This agreement may also be assigned by *Fieldhouse Publishing* to any subsidiary or affiliate or any company or entity under controlled by it. The performance of the terms of this Agreement is personal to Author and may not be assigned. Otherwise, the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

14. This Agreement reflects the entire understanding between the parties, and it may not be changed except in writing, signed by both parties.

Fieldhouse Publishing, Founder: *Ron Knight* 7/1/2026

The Author, Jane Smith: _____