

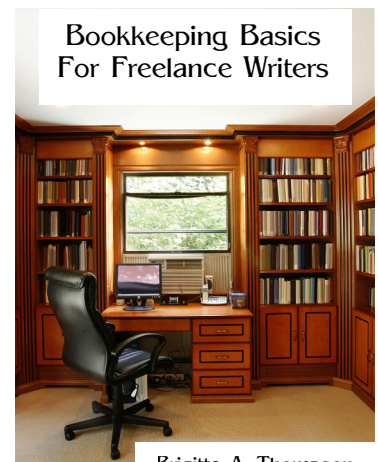
Bookkeeping Basics for Freelance Writers
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According to the United States Department of Labor Occupational Employment Statistics for 2008-09, the outlook for most writing jobs is expected to be competitive. This is due to the number of qualified people attracted to this field and the growing availability of opportunities for publication.

Freelance writers are self-employed and sell their work to publishers, public relations departments, web site owners, newspapers, media producers, advertising agencies and many other outlets. Making the leap from stable employment to freelance work opens the door to flexibility and benefits, but also requires a keen understanding of the intricacies of business operation including recordkeeping. Navigating through the bookkeeping required for a small business owner can be difficult.

Bookkeeping Basics for Freelance Writers addresses issues writers face daily such as how to deduct travel expenses, determine their taxable writing income, and claim home office deductions. This book will also help writers become organized and understand how to hold onto every dollar they are legally allowed to keep.

This book is written exclusively for those of us who earn money by writing. It includes useful information to help you interpret the complexities of our federal tax code and proven techniques to reduce your taxable income. Throughout the book, tips are shared from experienced writers and Thompson answers questions submitted by other writers.



Reviews:

“A practical manual that covers far more than its title — not just bookkeeping but many other business aspects of running a freelance writing business in the U.S. I had to find all this out from trial and error — this book will give you a great head start.”

-- Shel Horowitz, author of *Grassroots Marketing for Authors and Publishers*

“Becoming a freelance writer is really exciting, and it can be easy to get caught up in getting your business off the ground. But many creative types do their bookkeeping basics on the fly, or not at all. *Bookkeeping Basics for Freelance Writers* explains how to track your expenses, file for taxes, and organize your business in an easy-to-understand way. More importantly, it helps freelancers understand that keeping the financial aspect of their business organized is just as critical to success as that first big article published in a national magazine.”

-- Amy Forstadt, *Freelance Communications and Marketing Specialist*

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