

Making an Erotic Book 2016
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Book-making Software & Free Stuff You Will Need [Online at <http://blog.ceciliatan.com/archives/2994>]

OpenOffice/NeoOffice/LibreOffice

--free/donationware open software "clone" of MS Office suite
--OO "Writer" is the Word equivalent

OpenOffice Plugins:

- Altsearch - Alternative Find/Replace (so you can find non-printing characters)
<http://extensions.openoffice.org/en/project/alternative-dialog-find-replace-writer-altsearch>
- Writer2epub (<http://extensions.openoffice.org/en/project/writer2epub>)

GIMP:

Image editing software (<https://www.gimp.org/downloads/>)
Cover designs for ebooks must be 1400 pixels x 2100 pixels minimum

Free image sources:

Pixabay (free portal to Shutterstock)
FreeImages.com (very limited, free portal to Getty Images)

Cheap image sources:

Dreamstime.com
iStockphoto (also owned by Getty), Shutterstock, a few others

Sigil

WYSIWYG epub editing software INDISPENSABLE (<https://github.com/Sigil-Ebook/Sigil>)

Calibre

meant to be used as an ebook library tool but has crude/ugly format conversion functions and DRM stripping functions (<https://calibre-ebook.com/download>)

ePub Zip/ePub Unzip

Script that unzips your epub and then puts it back together again, allowing for manual deletion of encrypted files (<http://en.freownloadmanager.org/Mac-OS/ePub-Zip-Unzip-FREE.html>)

Typesetting and layout

Adobe Indesign is the standard, costs \$74.99 for one month cloud access, \$39.99/mo for 1 yr.
Scribus is open source free <https://sourceforge.net/projects/scribus/>

Epubcheck

Online validator: <http://validator.idpf.org/> (does files up to 10MB)

Barcodes and Createspace Templates:

Bookow.com free barcode generator: <http://bookow.com/resources.php#isbn-barcode-generator>
Bookow Free createspace template: <http://bookow.com/resources.php#cs-cover-template-generator>