

# Creating & publishing a book of your photos or other artwork Start-to-finish in a weekend

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Using BookWright, free software provided by Blurb, a self-publishing website, participants will learn how to create a book of their photos or other artwork and upload it to Blurb to be published.

From simple magazine formats to elegant coffee table books, Blurb makes it possible to create and customize your own books and publish them quickly and inexpensively.

## Materials

Workshop participants should bring their own computers (Macs or PCs) and a thumb drive or other external drive loaded with the images and text they want to include. Participants should download BookWright from Blurb's site before the workshop (<https://www.blurb.com/bookwright>).

Organizing and re-sizing files will be done with Adobe Bridge and Photoshop. A one-month subscription from Adobe costs \$10 and can be cancelled after the workshop if not needed further. The instructor will allow participants who do not have that software to use her computer for those tasks if needed.

Bringing your preferred materials for note-taking is suggested. Make sure to bring charging cords and charge laptops completely before class. Have any necessary computer passwords available with you in class.

## Topics covered:

- Organizing and preparing files, including re-sizing and sequencing.
- Deciding on a format for the book (several examples will be available for viewing)
- Using Blurb's software to create page layouts
- Making the book step-by-step
- Uploading the finished book to Blurb's website and ordering.

## FAQ

- Books can be sold either on Blurb's website or Amazon, or kept private.
- ISBN numbers are provided at no cost if requested.
- Blurb charges a base price based on format and number of pages, author sets a markup amount above the base price if they want to make a profit.

- The minimum order is one book. Discounts are offered on 10 or more books.
- The quality of photo reproduction is very high.
- The instructor has no professional connection with Blurb.