**RESOURCES: Crafting the Self Published Picture Book - Unique Product; Unique Issues**

Websites worth checking out:

Darcy Pattison Fiction Notes (archived) <https://www.darcypattison.com/>

Darcy’s new blog <https://indiekids.substack.com/>

Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) <https://www.scbwi.org/>

Michigan’s chapter of SCBWI has designated advisors for Indie Publishing: <https://michigan.scbwi.org/2020/08/28/independent-publishing-trail-blazers/>

The picture book advisor is Melissa Bailey of [www.mbaileyart.com](http://www.mbaileyart.com)

KO Kids Books: <http://www.kokidsbooks.com/kositeh.html>

Interview with Kathryn Otoshi of KO Kids Books: <https://www.bookologymagazine.com/article/blue_dot/>

Twin Cities Picture Book Salon: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/828590560600339> (Private Facebook group but let Molly Beth know who you are and she’ll approve you!) OR go to Molly Beth’s events page for the Zoom link and to subscribe to her monthly e-newsletter: <http://mollybethgriffin.com/events/>

**At our October 5th Salon, Dara Beevas of Wise Ink Creative Publishing** will talk about the challenges and successes that are unique to indie publishing as a picture book author, and how indie authors can position themselves as experts and thought leaders even while writing for young audiences. She reveals how the right authors with the right projects can publish picture books with impact to accelerate their personal mission or the movement they’re building.

Picture Book Salon is FREE and public, and usually meets on the first Monday of the month, 7pm. We’ll start up again VIRTUALLY in October. Please RSVP here or to mollybethgriffin@gmail.com.

Independent Book Publishers Association [www.ibpa-online.org](http://www.ibpa-online.org)

Blogs/articles

What NOT to do when self-publishing children’s books (June 20, 2020) <https://www.kidpressroom.com/not-to-do-when-self-publishing-childrens-books/>

4 mistakes you should avoid when publishing a children’s book (I made those) (April 7, 2018) <https://www.kidpressroom.com/mistakes-to-avoid-publishing-childrens-books/>

How to successfully publish a children’s picture book (April 28, 2018) <https://www.thecreativepenn.com/2018/04/28/how-to-successfully-self-publish-a-childrens-picture-book/>

Top 10 picture book topics to avoid (Feb. 11, 2009) <http://www.darcypattison.com/writing/picture-books/top-10-picture-book-topics-to-avoid/>

Regarding illustration:

Finding illustrators: the art will make or break your picture book (Aug. 4, 2020) <https://indiekids.substack.com/p/finding-illustrators>

Illustrators: finding and working with an illustrator for your children’s picture book (April 10, 2018) <http://www.darcypattison.com/publishing/illustrators/>

Picture Book Basics – Understanding Format <https://www.wordsandpics.org/2013/07/picture-book-basics-understanding-format.html>

Picture Book Basics – Sketches and Layout <https://www.wordsandpics.org/2013/08/picture-book-basics-sketches-and-layout.html>

Podcast: Nick Patton’s podcast “Picturebooking” featuring in-depth interviews with authors and illustrators of children’s books: <http://nickpatton.com/>

Recent email from Lara Solomon ([lara@storyantics.com](mailto:lara@storyantics.com)) (I do not know her and cannot vouch for her, but I said I would pass her email on):

I have just launched a marketplace for self-published/independent children's books - think Etsy/Ebay for children's books - a new place to market, promote and sell your book/s. I would love you to add your books to the site. My plan is to get as many books and authors on the site this month and then start a BIG push for Christmas sales!! It is completely free to add books, there is a 10% commission when you sell a book. More details are here <https://storyantics.com/index.php?p=page&page_id=Sell-your-books>