**Helpful Websites:**

UW Madison Writing Programs: (Have used these services and have not been disappointed)

<http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/lsa/writing/index.html#.UdNQJPnVCXw>

They also have a writers “institute” every spring: <http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/lsa/writing/awi/>

Iowa Writers: (I have not used these services)

<http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/iswfest/index.html>

**Writer Sites:**

(\* = I like this site, \*\* = I really like this site)

Authorsden.com

\*Shewrites.com

\*\*Goodreads.com

Authorcentral.com (after you’ve uploaded a book)

\*Smashwords.com

Librarything.com

Authorlink.com

Redroom.com

\*Published.com

Shelfari.com - an amazon site

Biblioconnection.com

\*Ckbookspublishing.com/blog/ (my blog on writing and publishing)

**Book Services:**

Bibliocrunch.com - get bids for editing, cover design

Writer.ly - get bids for editing, cover design

CKBooks Publishing - for all self-publishing services (editing, cover design, formatting…)

Shewrites - publishing service

Createspace - Amazon’s company - publishing

Bookbaby - publishing

Lulu - be careful with this one, it’s been around awhile but they just partnered with Authorhouse

Dogear - publishing

Selfbookcovers.com - cover design

**Online Publishing Companies to Avoid:**

Back-in-Print

Abbot Press - might or might not be ok. Associated with Writers Digest

Any company associated with or owned by or run by Author Solutions (and there is a long list of these)

iuniverse - owned by Barnes and Noble, run by author solutions

Pearson and Penguin

Random house

Archway

Partridge

Hydra

Alibi

Flirt

West Bow Press

Harlequin

Xlibris

Trafford

Author house

**Online Publishing I have not heard anything bad about:**

Create Space - Amazon co. (check their policy on ISBN’s they “give” you)

\*Smashwords - for ebooks only but very good company

Book Baby

Dogear

She Writes

**Other:**

\*Wisconsin Regional Writers Association

Council for Wisconsin Writers

Pred-ed.com, Predatorsandeditors

Agentquery.com - database for literary agents

Writersmarket.com

Sfwa.org - Science fiction and fantasy writers of America, has some good resources on query letters and writing