PROMOTE ABOOK LAUNCH

& how BookBub can help!





What we'll cover today

- 1 What is BookBub?
- 2 8 Tips for Promoting a Book Launch
- 3 How an Author Launched a Bestseller
- 4 Questions

Which best describes you?

- ✓ Self-published author
- ✓ Trad-pubbed author
- Employee at a publisher or agency
- ✓ I don't do these awkward polls

 Same tho



Have you used BookBub's promo tools?

- √ Yes
- ✓ No
- ✓ I still don't do these awkward polls



What is BookBub?

- ✓ Book discovery service with 15M+ members that helps readers find new books and authors
- ✓ Marketing platform for authors and publishers with a suite of tools that boost discoverability





MICHAELIDES The Silent Patient

An "unforgettable" read (Entertainment Weekly) filled with "sophisticated storytelling" (Lee Child): Years ago, Alicia shot her husband five times — and she hasn't spoken since. Determined to understand why, therapist Theo trie to get Alicia to talk, despite dangerous consequences... "Sneaks up on you lik a slash of intimidating shadow on a badly lit street" (David Baldacci).

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THE

SILENT PATIENT

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Release Date: February 5th, 2019

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Your Deals



Under My Skin

By Lisa Unger

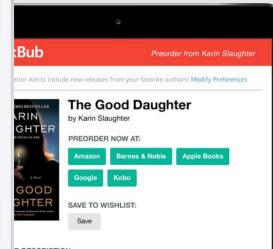
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\$1.99 \$4.99

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Bestsellers





R DESCRIPTION

d Daughter is like Law and Order meets The Good Wife."

ing new novel from the international #1 bestselling author - a pellbinding blend of cold-case thriller and psychological

are forced into the woods at gunpoint. One runs for her life. One ind... Read More >

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8 Tips for Promoting a Book Launch

TIP #1

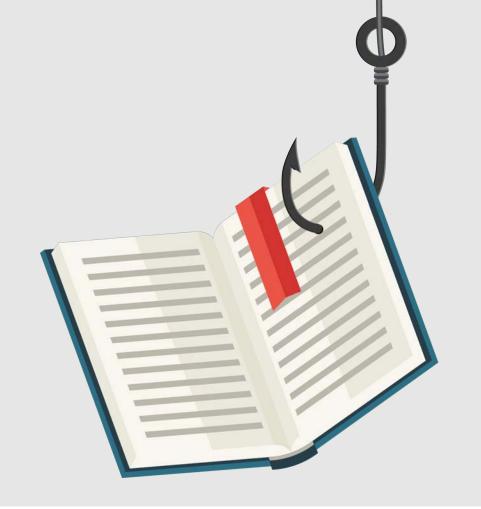
Understand your target audience



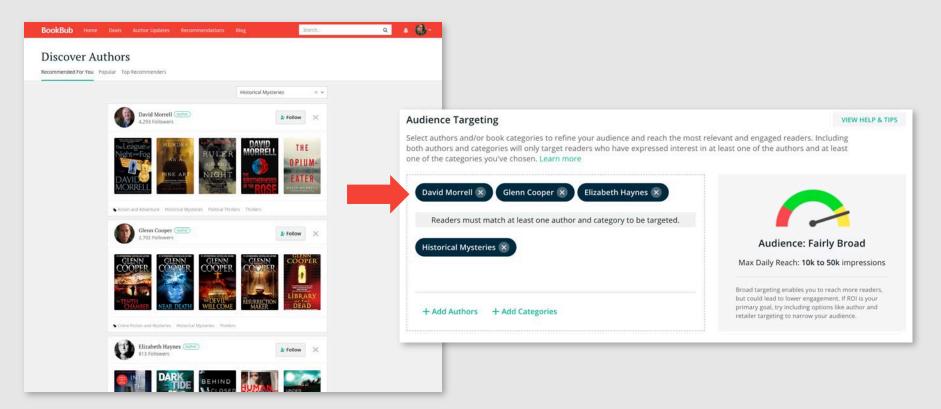
"I want to reach as many readers as possible!"



Hook the right readers with the right message at the right time.



Which authors write books like yours?



Which authors write books like yours?

What other items do customers buy after viewing this item?



Where the Crawdads Sing Hardcover

> Delia Owens

★★★★★15,102

\$15.60\prime



Then She Was Gone: A Novel Paperback

Lisa Jewell

★★★☆1,044

\$9.53\prime



We Were the Lucky Ones: A Novel Paperback

Georgia Hunter

★★★★☆2,230

\$9.60 / prime



City of Girls: A Novel Hardcover

> Elizabeth Gilbert

★★★☆☆125

\$16.80 prime







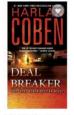






Customers Who Bought This Item Also Bought

Never Look Away by Linwood Barclay ★★★☆☆



Deal Breaker (Myron Bolitar Series #1) by Harlan Coben



Broken Harbor (Dublin Murder Sq... by Tana French ★ ★ ☆ ☆

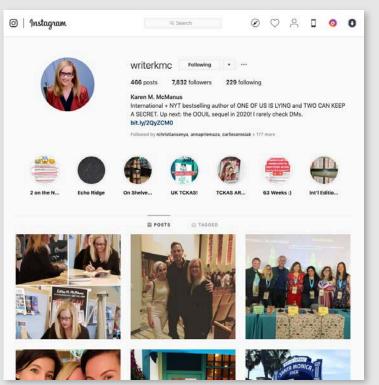


The Twelve (Passage Trilogy Series #2) by Justin Cronin



Where do readers spend time online?





Where do they find books like yours?

BookBub Category	Subscribers
Crime fiction	3,840,000+
Thrillers	3,360,000+
Historical mysteries	2,830,000+
Cozy mysteries	2,780,000+
Psychological thrillers	2,720,000+
Romantic suspense	1,660,000+



Who are your genre influencers?

71%

of BookBub readers tell their friends about books they discover on BookBub



TIP #2 Get blurbs from authors



"Blurbs don't matter!"



Who cares about blurbs?



- ✓ In-house marketers
- ✓ In-house sales team
- ✓ Booksellers
- Librarians
- ✓ Readers (data proves it)

Blurbs matter

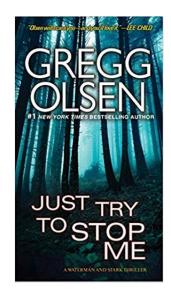
77%

of BookBub's readers buy books based on recommendations from authors they like



23%

increase in clicks if blurbs include quotes from authors or publications



Just Try To Stop Me

By Gregg Olsen

When a human foot is discovered in the woods, forensic pathologist Birdy goes after an ingenious killer. She seeks help from detective Kendall... but is she playing right into the psychopath's hands? From a *New York Times* bestselling author.

\$2.99 _{\$7.99}

Amazon Barnes & Noble

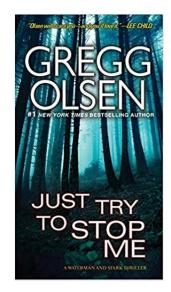
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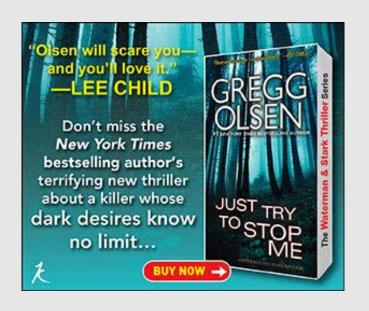


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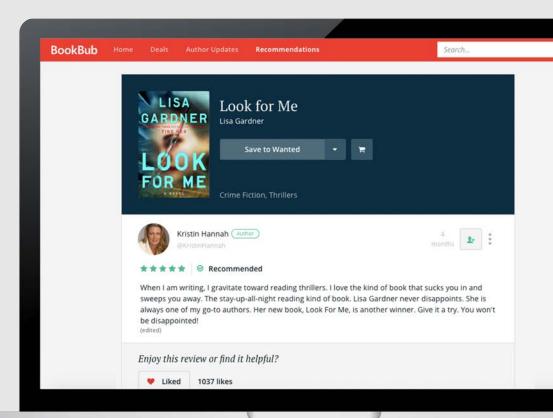


Ask authors to recommend your book

200K+
followers reached

1K+
likes

70+
preorders



TIP #3

Get existing fans to talk about the preorder



"If I tweet the preorder link 100 times, people will buy!"



Let existing readers know about it

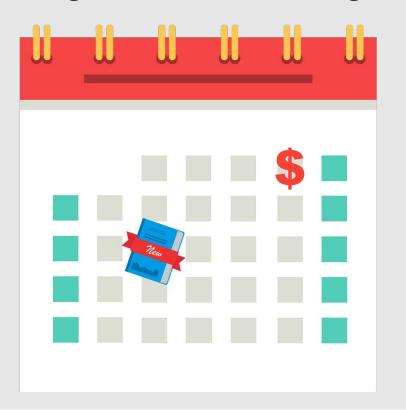


- ✓ Send a BookBub Preorder Alert (US)
- ✓ Authors with 1K+ followers eligible
- ✓ \$0.02 per follower
- ✓ Flexible scheduling

BookBub readers buy books early!

75%

have bought a book within the preorder period or one month after launch

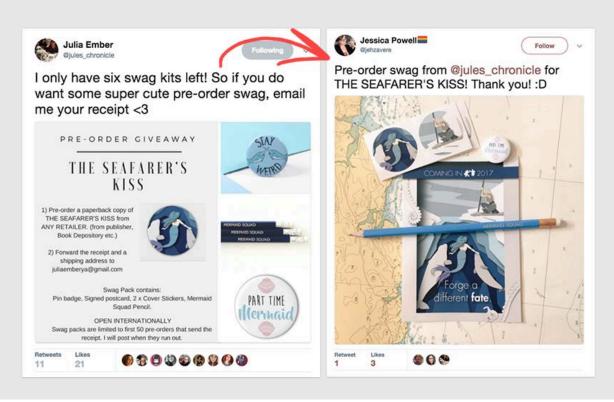


Run ARC giveaways with simple entry

- ✓ Follow you
- ✓ Tag a friend
- ✓ Comment
- ✓ Like
- ✓ Share



Offer preorder incentives



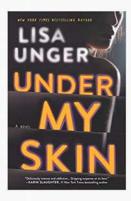
- ✓ Swag
- ✓ Artist renderings
- ✓ Sneak peek
- ✓ Free short story
- Deleted scenes

TIP #4

Discount an old book to get new readers

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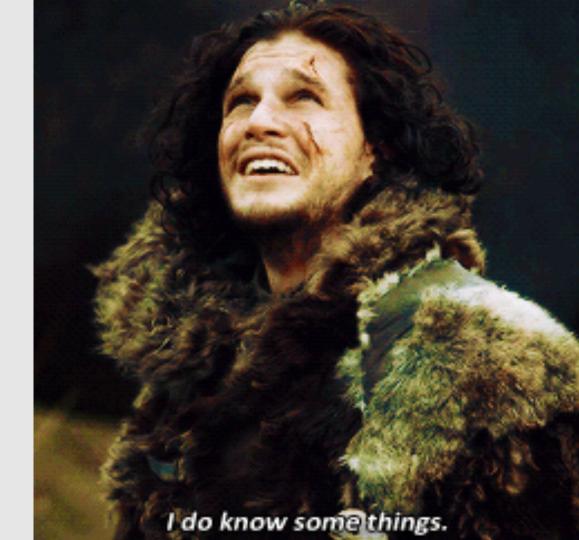
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Bestsellers



"People love discounts."



Reach thousands of new readers...



75%

of books featured in BookBub's top ten categories sell over 1,000 copies

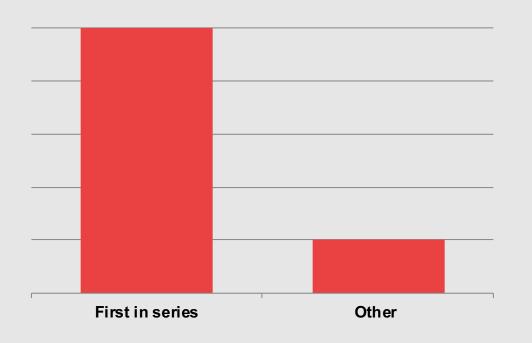
...who buy other books at full-price

90%

of authors reported an increase in full-price sales of other books after a BookBub Featured Deal



Discount a first in series book





higher increase in sales of other series books when the **first book** is discounted vs. any other in the series

Choose the lowest price possible

75%+

higher response rates at **\$0.99** than \$2.99



TIP #5

Cross-promote the new book in your old books

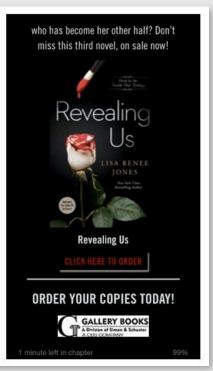


"I don't have time to update my old books' back matter."



Include links in the back matter

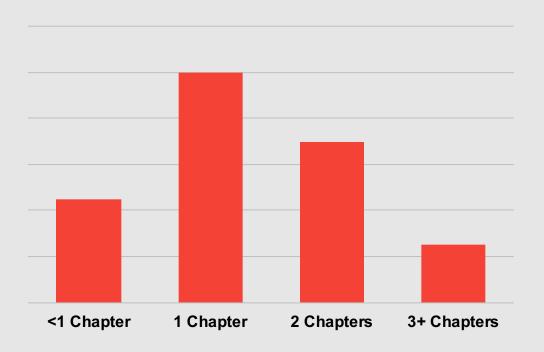




2.2x

increase in sales of other books in the series if links are included in back matter

Include an excerpt of the new book



Authors who included a one-chapter excerpt in their back matter saw the highest increase in sales of the promoted book

Target ad campaigns by author interest

TIP #6

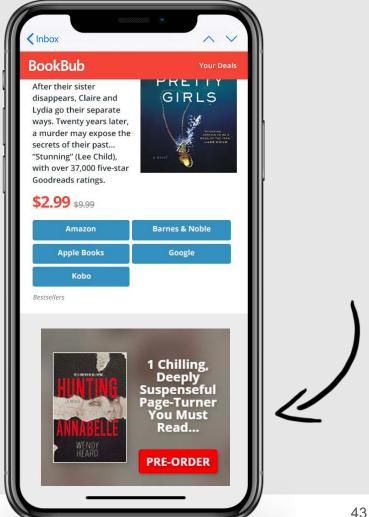


"I want to reach relevant readers with my ads."



BookBub Ads makes targeting easy!

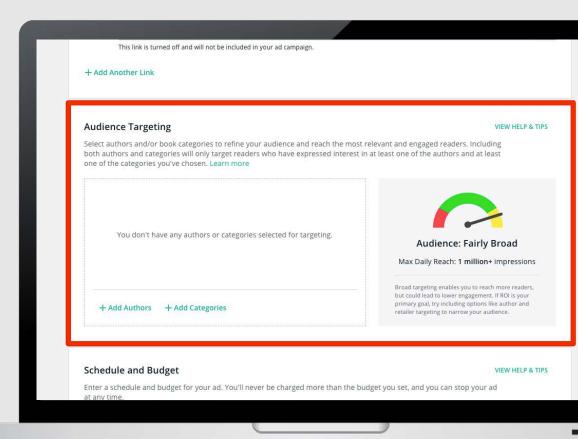
- Self-serve ad platform
- Promote any book, any time
- Easy to customize
- Easy to track results



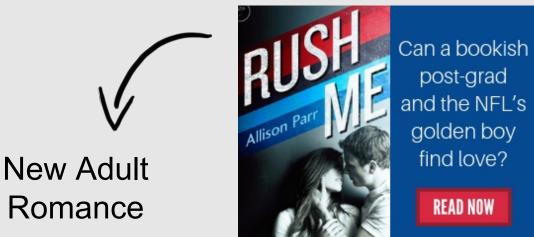
With BB Ads, you can target by...

- Category interest
- Author interest

The research you did from tip #1 will help!



Author targeting = higher engagement



New Adult Romance

+ 8 comp authors

HIGHER CTR

1.67% CTR

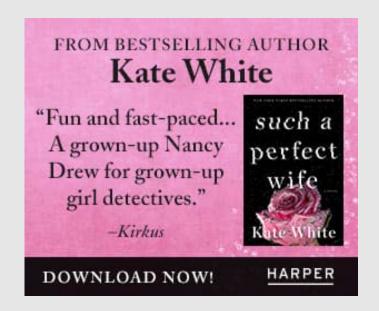
0.14% CTR



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Target your existing readers





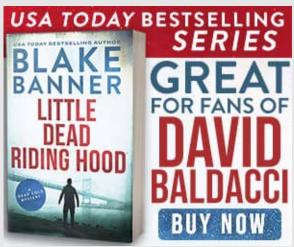
Target fans of comparable author





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TIP #7

Use preorder period to TEST TEST TEST

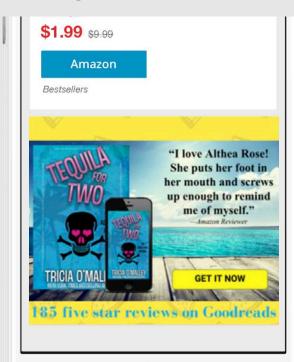


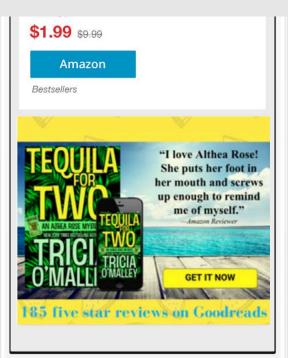
"I know what ads readers want to click on."



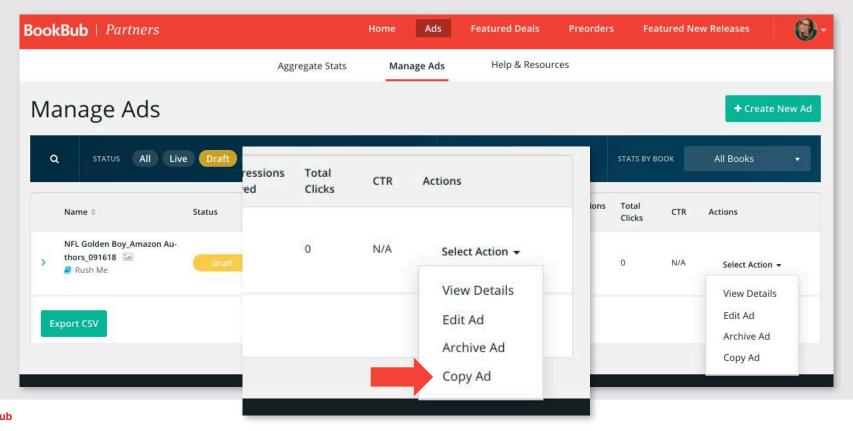
What you can test

- Messaging
- ✓ Different blurbs
- ✓ Ad designs
- ✓ Cover designs
- Targeting

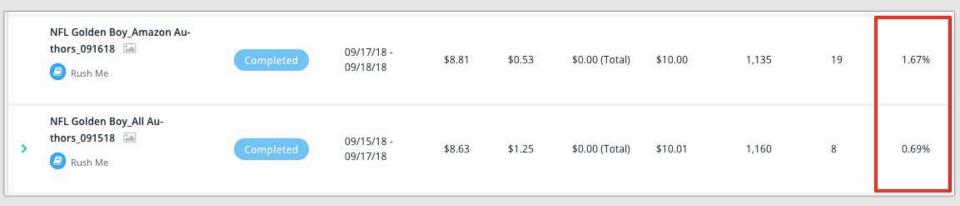




It's easy to test with BookBub Ads



Get results quickly

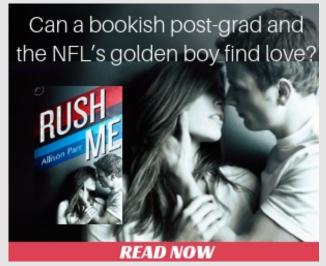


- ✓ You can start serving ads immediately
- Get results within an hour
- ✓ Pick a winner using click-through rates (CTR)

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Test and iterate







1.67% CTR

0.84% CTR

1.90% CTR

TIP #8

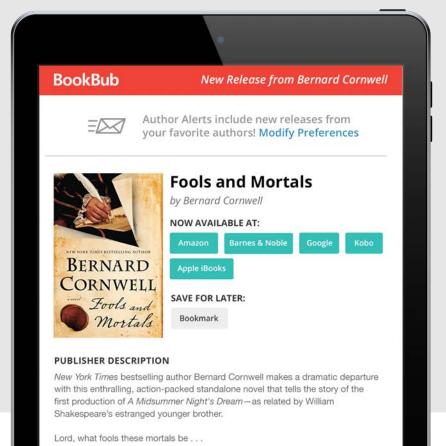
Stack launch week promotions

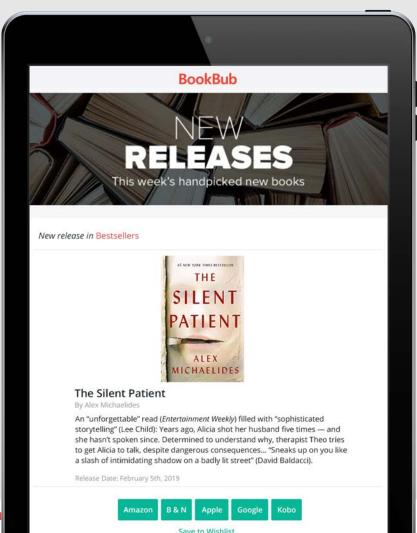




Make sure you get a New Release Alert

- ✓ Completely free
- Sent to an author's followers
- Make sure to add the book to "My Books" page prior to launch





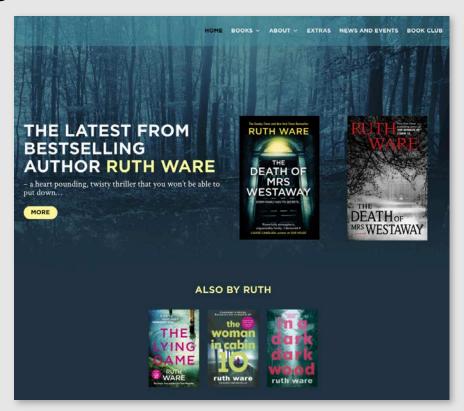
Submit for a Featured New Release

- Reach NEW BookBub readers
- Selection process similar to Featured Deals
- ✓ Increase launch sales

Update your website

Things to update:

- ✓ Homepage branding
- ✓ Books page
- ✓ Bio
- ✓ Media/press kit
- Upcoming events



Update your social media branding



Things to update:

- ✓ Twitter header
- ✓ Pinned tweet
- ✓ Facebook header
- ✓ Bios

Send a newsletter to subscribers

Things authors include:

- ✓ The cover image
- ✓ Blurbs
- ✓ Retailer links
- ✓ An excerpt
- ✓ Genuine gratitude



WHAT'S NEW

The Favorite Daughter is out today!!

I'd be so honored if you'd consider reading - or listening to - my latest domestic suspense novel. *Oprah Magazine* called it a **best book** of May...and here is some more praise:

"Will hit you right in the heart" -- Bustle

A PopSugar Best Book of Spring!

"An exceptional psychological thriller." -- Publishers Weekly STARRED review

"Compulsively readable and deeply satisfying psychological suspense.

- Christina Alger, USA TODAY betselling author of The Banker's Wife

"Leaves you wanting more." - Liv Constantine, author of the national bestseller *The Last Mrs. Parrish*

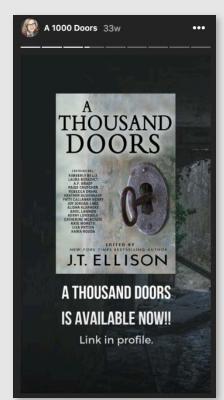
"A smart, wickedly plotted psychological thriller brimming with dark surprises" — Heather Gudenkauf, New York Times bestselling author

"Intense, creepy, and classic Rouda. A chilling story, told so well. Don't miss it!" - J. T. Ellison, New York Times bestselling author



Announce the launch on social media





Run BookBub Ads campaigns







More tactics for promo stacking

- Newsletter swaps
- ✓ Facebook Ads
- Podcast interviews
- ✓ Blog tour
- ✓ Storygram tour

- ✓ Giveaways
- ✓ Twitter posts
- ✓ Q&As / AMAs
- Launch event
- ✓ LITERALLY ANYTHING

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How an Author Launched a Bestseller

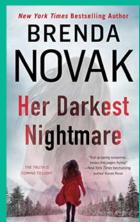
"If you're traditionally published, there's not much you can do to market your book."



MEET BRENDA NOVAK







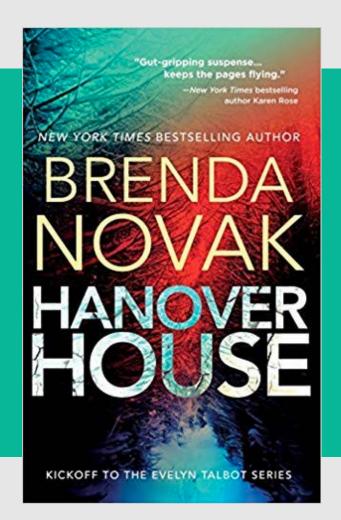






PHASE 1

Selfpublished
a prequel



Why self-publish a prequel?

- Control pricing and discounting
- Create box set content
- ✓ Grow her mailing list
- ✓ Control cross-promo



Updated front & back matter

Dear Reader.

I'm so excited for you to try the kick-off to my Evelyn Talbot suspense series. Like the main character in this book, I've always been fascinated by psychopaths. I want to know why they exist, why they do what they do and if they can ever be treated and reformed. These are questions that have stymied psychiatrists and psychologists for years, but Evelyn is determined to do all she can to solve the riddle of the psychopathic mind. I guess creating her was one way I could study the subject and learn along with her. I have to admit, the research has been fascinating.

Her Darkest Nightmare and Hello Again, the next two books in this series, are already out and available wherever books are sold, so I hope you'll grab a copy of each and continue with the series. Face Off, the next book, will be out very shortly—on August 28, 2018.

I love to hear from my readers. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions at www.brendanovak.com. There, you can sign up for my mailing, check on my many backlist (I've now written over 60 books—some romance, some suspense and even some historicals!) or enter my monthly prize drawings. Or maybe you'd like to contribute to my

efforts to raise money for diabetes research. So far, through my annual online auctions and various other fundraising efforts, I've managed to raise \$2.7 million (my youngest son is Type 1).

I also run an online book group on Facebook that has nearly 13,000 members. We do so many fun things! I hope you'll check it out and join us:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ brendanovaksbookgroup/

Here's hoping you enjoy your visit to small town Alaska—and Hanover House, home to some of the worst serial killers on earth!

Brenda

Location 107

Hanover House is the prequel to the Evelyn Talbot Series. You can join Evelyn and Sergeant Amarok as Hanover House opens its doors in Book #1, Her Darkest Nightmare. Book #2 Hello Again is also out and Face Off will be released August 28, 2018, Turn the page for the first chapter of Her Darkest Nightmare, now available in bookstores.

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Purchase your copy of Her Darkest Nightmare today!

Amazon | Kindle

And now, turn the page for a sneak peek of Brenda Novak's only other release for 2018—
Before We Were Strangers

BRENDA
NOVAK
BEFORE
WE
WERE
STRANGERS

Front: Letter to the reader

Back: Excerpt + buy links

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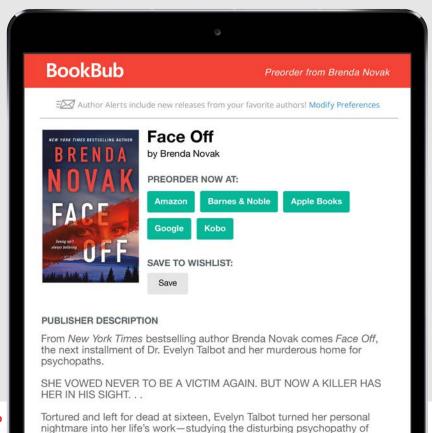
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PHASE 2

Promoted the the preorder



Sent a BookBub Preorder Alert



- ✓ Sent to 13.5K US followers
- ✓ Generated 1K clicks
- Saw boost in Amazon rankings

Plugged the preorder in several newsletters



Dear Diana.

Digital sales come and go so fast, difficult to alert those who aren't fol social media, but I wanted to atter to you with this one. For four days May 7), you can download COLD vendor of your choice (Nook, Kobo iBooks, etc. at the links below) for this is a stand-alone story about a whose father was accused of being The police could never prove it, an him--but then she finds something even "her" doubt his innocence. Is he? Find out in COLD FEET! (Orig published in 2004.)

Just when you think you know so.

The Seattle police suspect Madis call the "Sandpoint Strangler." Ma dead, and all she wants is the chasix-year-old child.

Then she discovers something in Something that makes her questing someone else who's equally close to their ... Don't forget to preorder the two Novak books coming out this year!



FACE OFF, the next book in the Evelyn Talbot series, in which Evelyn finally tangles with Jasper, will be released August 28th!











And if you preorder <u>BEFORE WE WERE</u> <u>STRANGERS</u>, which has been moved to a December 5th release date, you'll receive TWO autographed cover flats--one for your book and



When another woman turns up dead, crime writer Caleb Trovato wonders whether they're dealing with a copycat killer. Or is the real Sandpoint Strangler still alive? Caleb's sure Madison knows more than she's telling, and he's determined to find out what. But he doesn't expect to fall in love--or to lead Madison and her child into danger. .

Here are the buy links:











Built buzz via social media

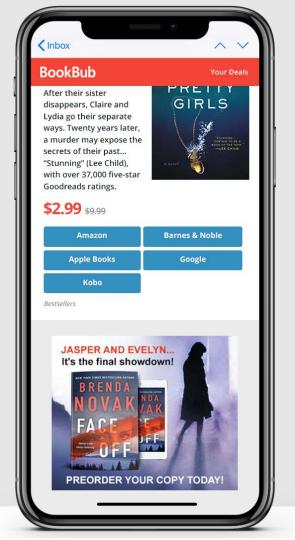


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Create your own!

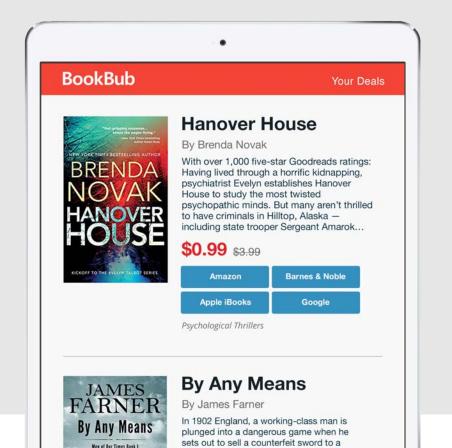
- ✓ Canva
- ✓ RelayThat
- ✓ GIMP (free alternative to Photoshop)



Ran a BookBub
Ads campaign to
drive preorder
sales

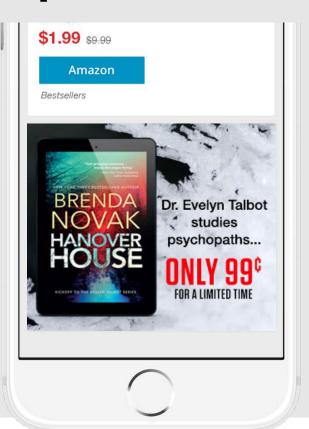
Discounted self-published prequel

- ✓ Discounted to \$0.99 one month prior to launch of Face Off
- Ran Featured Deal
- ✓ Generated 6K clicks
- ✓ Drove 1.5K sales



Ran BookBub Ads to promote discount





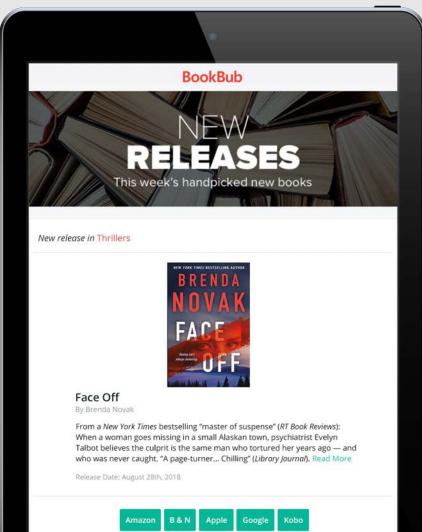
Chose Facebook group's monthly pick



PHASE 3

Stacked launch day promotions





Sent a BookBub Featured New Release

- ✓ Sent to Thrillers category
- ✓ Generated 2.3K clicks
- ✓ Drove 400+ bookmarks

Sent newsletter to mailing list





Dear Diana,

It's here, it's here! After a year of waiting, FACE OFF hits bookstores TODAY! I hope you are excited to see Evelyn Talbot and Jasper "face off" in this dramatic and exciting addition to the series and will pick up a copy right away. The earlier you do it the better, because that's when it will be easiest to find in stores like Wal-Mart, Target, Sam's and Barnes and Noble (on the New Release Tower). Or you could order online at any of the following links and have it shipped to your house or delivered instantly to your e-reader:

Kindle

Audible

Amazon

Kobo

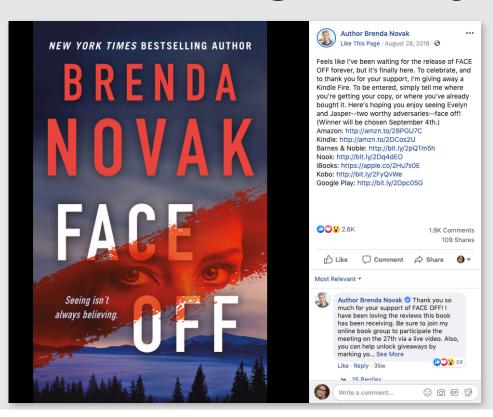
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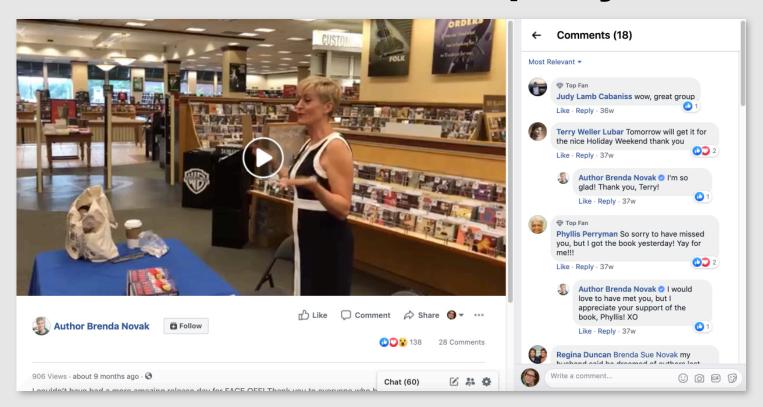
Google

Ran a giveaway on Facebook



- ✓ Prize = Kindle Fire
- Entry method = comment where you bought Face Off
- ✓ Included retailer links
- ✓ Ran for one week
- ✓ Got ~2K entries

Hosted a launch party

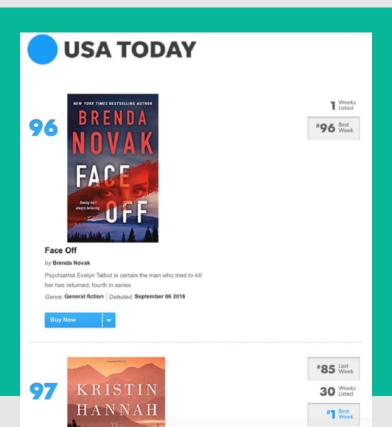




Included Face Off in monthly **Reader Box** (subscription service)

RESULTS

H USA Today Bestseller List



Find case studies, tips, & other resources at insights.bookbub.com



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