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AUTHOR GIVEAWAY SETUP GUIDES

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PART 1: GETTING STARTED

Goodreads Giveaways are an effective way to promote your book, as they generate interest among a large community of readers, causing them to add your book to their want-to-read shelf. Getting started is a breeze, and this guide will walk you through each step to ensure you're up and running in no time!

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Visit www.goodreads.com, and log into your Goodreads Author account. If you are not yet a Goodreads Author, find out how at www.goodreads.com/author/program

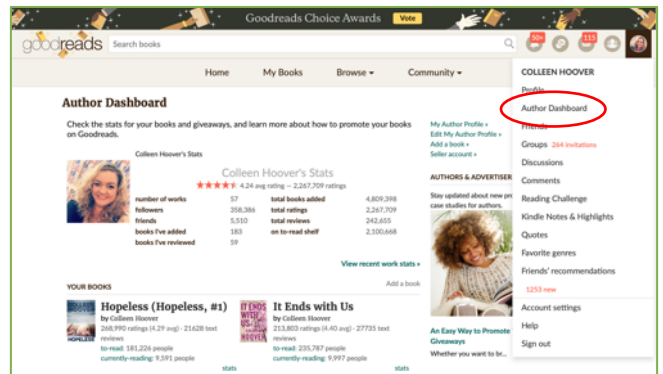
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Navigate to the Giveaway creation page through the Goodreads Homepage or from your Author Dashboard (as shown below):

List a Giveaway From Homepage:



List a Giveaway From Author Dashboard:



- Click 'Browse' from the top nav bar
- Select 'Giveaways' from the drop-down menu
- Click 'List a Giveaway' in the right sidebar

- Click your profile picture/button in the top right
- Select 'Author Dashboard' from the drop-down menu
- Scroll down the page and select 'List a Giveaway' and then click 'List a Giveaway' on the right side of page.

3

Choose the book format for your Giveaway → Print Book (for this guide)

4

Choose the Giveaway package option → Standard (\$119) or Premium (\$599). Visit the [Giveaways FAQ](#) page for more information.

→ Continue to PART 2 to set up your Giveaway!

PART 2: SETTING UP YOUR GIVEAWAY

In this section, we'll cover each step of the Giveaway Details page, providing helpful tips along the way to get you going as quickly as possible. Be sure to click on the ? symbol next to each section if you need any further clarification. Steps 5-15 (as marked in the image below) are explained further here.

Giveaway Details

All fields are required unless otherwise noted.

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Start my giveaway on ?

2021▼ January▼ 1▼

5

End my giveaway on ?

2021▼ January▼ 31▼

6

Book release date

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7

ISBN/ISBN13 ?

[Switch to Book ID](#)

8

Available to entrants in ?

U.S.

Canada

9

CTRL-click to select multiple countries (CMD-click on a Mac)

Number of copies

10

This book contains mature content ?

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11

Custom message to readers (optional) ?

Example: We're giving away six first edition signed copies of this book by award-winning author [author name]. Enter today!"

12

Primary genre

Art▼

13

Secondary genre

Art▼

Contact information ?

[Name],[Email]

14

Your information won't be shared externally

Cancel

Back

Next

15

5

Select the date for your Giveaway to begin.

Pro Tip: Make sure the start date is at least 3 days out from the current day, but no more than 6 months. For example, if today is Jan 1, the earliest start date is Jan 4 and the latest start date is July 1.

6

Select the date for your Giveaway to end.

Pro Tip: Make sure the duration is a minimum of 7 days, and no longer than 30. We recommend 30 days to maximize exposure and entries.

7

Select the release date for your book (regardless if it is pre or post launch).

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Provide your ISBN or ISBN13.

***Pro Tip:** ISBN stands for International Standard Book Number. An ISBN is a 10- or 13-digit number that works as a unique identity number for a book.*

The ISBN can usually be found in several places on a book: on the back cover by the barcode, inside the front cover, and on the copyright page. It can also be found on the (print) book page on Goodreads, under the "Get a copy" links below Book Details lower on the page.

9

Choose where you'd like the winners to be eligible. Print book giveaways are open to U.S. and/or Canada residents.

***Pro Tip:** You can be anywhere so long as you can ship to U.S. and/or Canada – please keep in mind shipping costs when considering where you'd like to allow entrants and winners from.*

10

Determine how many copies of the book you'd like to give away (Between 1 and 100).

11

Check the box if your book contains mature content. Leave it blank if not. 'Mature' includes sexually explicit content, excessive curse words, etc.

12

Write a description of your Giveaway (book description will automatically populate on the Giveaway page).

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13

Choose the appropriate Primary and Secondary Genres for your book from the drop-down menus (both are required).

***Pro Tip:** Readers typically search for books by genre, so choose ones that have wide appeal and fit your book to maximize discoverability.*

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PART 3: CONFIRMATION & PAYMENT

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16

Review your Giveaway details, confirming everything looks accurate based on what you entered.

17

Proceed to payment by clicking on the "Amazon Pay" button down lower on the page. Confirm your Amazon login details, and complete payment.

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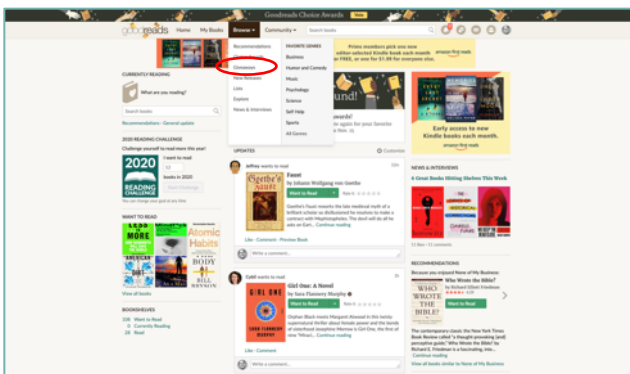
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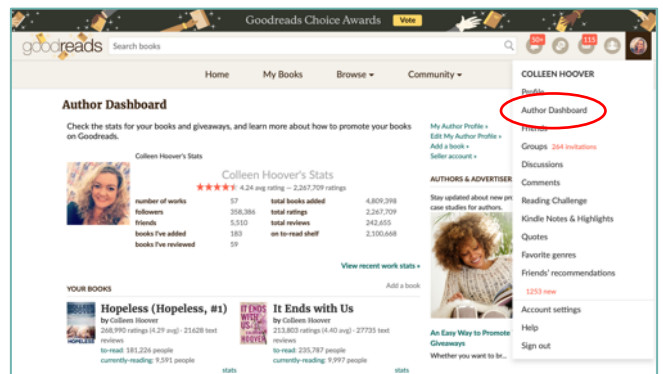
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Please Confirm Before Proceeding:

1) Make sure your ebook is available on Amazon AND Goodreads at the time of your Giveaway creation. If not currently available on Amazon, steps on setting that up can be found [HERE](#).

2) Confirm that your KDP author account is connected to your Goodreads account.. For more information on how to set this up, please follow the instructions on our [Giveaways FAQ](#) page.

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After confirming the previous items, please continue on to steps 3 & 4 below.

3

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The screenshot shows the 'Giveaway Details' page with the following elements and numbered callouts:

- 5**: ASIN input field with 'Find' and 'Clear' buttons.
- 6**: 'Start my giveaway on?' date selector (Year: 2021, Month: January, Day: 1).
- 7**: 'End my giveaway on?' date selector (Year: 2021, Month: January, Day: 31).
- 8**: 'Book release date' date selector.
- 9**: 'Available to entrants in?' country selector (U.S.).
- 10**: 'Number of copies' selector (100).
- 11**: 'This book contains mature content?' checkbox.
- 12**: 'Custom message to readers (optional)' text area with a placeholder example.
- 13**: 'Primary genre' and 'Secondary genre' dropdown menus (both set to 'Art').
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- 15**: 'Next' button at the bottom right.

Other visible text includes: 'All fields are required unless otherwise noted.', 'Find your book by entering an ASIN. Make sure you've previously uploaded it to the Kindle Store', 'Back To Giveaways', 'HTML is disallowed', and '150/150' characters.

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