

OAPEN: OA books toolkit

This toolkit aims to help book authors to better understand open access book publishing and to increase trust in open access books. Authors can find relevant articles on open access book publishing following the research lifecycle, by browsing frequently asked questions or by searching with keywords.

In our research we broke this wide-ranging and comprehensive author-focussed tool into three sections:

- **Life Cycle** - a series of articles laid out in the 'life cycle' of a book from choosing a publisher through to publication, dissemination and reuse
- **FAQs** - a list of FAQs about OA books that link to brief answers, and also to associated Life Cycle article
- **Keywords and Glossary** - a list of frequently used terms to do with OA books, and the keywords, which is a similar (but not identical) list which links to articles in the toolkit which contain that word

The toolkit is extremely thorough, detailed, clear, comprehensive, well-referenced and useful, and should be used as the main place to point OA authors to. It is also being regularly updated and maintained, and is likely to be supported for a long time as it is at OAPEN.

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