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Â What on earth does "Uberwriter" mean?

Glad you asked! Let's solve that mystery. At the turn of the millennium, the German word "über", meaning literally "over" or "above", began being used as a term for "elite" in computer hacker culture. For example an "über-geek" is an ultra-elite computer geek. We like the word because it also has connotations that we're "above and not beneath" (Deut 28:13) and that we are overcomers by the word of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb (Rev 12:11). Pretty cool huh? So an überwriter is a writer that is above and not beneath, and will take your manuscriptsÂ soaring with them.Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â (back to the top)

Â How can ghostwriting help me?

An experienced writer knows how to effectively present your story or message to the correct audience. There are numerous potential pitfalls that will cause a publisher to simply pass on your manuscript. All you get is a rejection letter, if you're fortunate.Â We know what they're looking for and can help you get there without compromising your content. Good writing doesn't happen by accident. We carefully listen to your needs, examine your existing material or idea andÂ discuss your target demographic.Â We then hone in on what sets you apart and start crafting your masterpiece from there.Â (back to the top)Â Â

Â What are the benefits of working with Uberwriters? Â

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We'reÂ wholly devotedÂ Christians. We believe in your cause.

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We work with the utmost integrity.

- We understand ministry and ministry publishing.
- We're specialists in ministry communications. Why settle for a secular ghostwriter, trying to get it right?
- We're anointed to write. The Holy Spirit is our inspiration.
- Due to the Holy Spirit's influence, I believe we're more talented than most of our secular contemporaries.
- You can trust us with your message. We'll never write anything that could accidentally cause you reproach or become a spiritual liability.
- We can help guide you through a long term creative strategy. This is of tremendous added value to you.
- Should you self publish, or need help with exposure, we are knowledgeable with cutting edge technology.

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What is Uberwriters' ghostwriting process?Â Â
Getting started...

- I sign a non-disclosure agreement so you feel completely safe sharing your idea

- I send you a short survey that gives me an idea of your main message, underlying themes, target audience and other details

- We discuss your book idea in detail and decide on a good word-count number

- We discuss what (if any) manuscripts, notes and/or audio you have already have to work from

- We discuss a timeline, budgetÂ and payment structure

- When we have a good idea of our goals, I write up a proposal that includes pricing,Â timeline and payment schedule

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Down to brass tacks...

- When our agreement is signed and the deposit clears, we begin working on your book

- If we have some notes, I work from them and communicate via email with any questions I have. If we are working from an idea alone, we conduct a series of in-person meetings or teleconferences to clarify the details of the book and the intended outcome. (Please note that if there is no manuscript or Â minimal notes, the client has significant responsibility to work with us to provide material to ensure we can most accurately communicate their idea.)

- I begin writing and provide updates at least every two weeks, if not more frequently. We discuss and make revisions accordingly (progress is highly dependent on your responsiveness at this point)

- We repeat this process until we we have a good draft

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Once we have a solid draft, we make any final touches to make it a complete work

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If we're submitting to a publishing house, I include a proposal letter free of charge, expertly written
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Â What is the typical cost for ghostwriting a book?
Click here to see what your project might costÂ Â
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Â What's your typical availability?
It isÂ best to give us as much lead-time as possible in case we are pretty booked up or need to do extensive research. For small projects, we prefer to book at least two weeks in advance but give us a call. We may have a gap in our schedule and can fit your project in on the fly.
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Â From our first conversation, when do you actually start writing?
See our ghostwriting process above.
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Â What if I need something in a rush?
We charge a 50% rush fee, dependent on our availability. With three writers on staff we will usually find a way to make it happen.
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Â What are your rates and how do you bill?
We prefer to charge by project. The rate typically depends on word-count,Â what (if any) notesÂ are already availableÂ and how much research it entails. This simply means instead of racking up hourly rates, we'll give you one low price at the initial proposal. If there are any changes to the initial scope, the extra time is outlined in a change-order and typically based on word-count. All scope changes are approved in writing by you. Contact us to get a proposal.

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Â How do you invoice?
For our ghostwriting projects, we typically invoice at three milestones. 1/3 due at signing, 1/3 due approximately half way and 1/3 at the submission of a first draft.
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Â What are your business hours?
10am-5pm, Monday through Friday EST.
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Â What ways do you communicate with your clients?
Primarily by Email, Telephone and Skype (if international.)
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