

Guide for James Currey authors

This guide aims to help you to prepare your text for the press and to describe the various stages in the publication process. It is intended for the use of authors providing disks and hard copy, from which we set the book; we may occasionally ask for camera-ready copy to be provided, and a separate guide is available for this process.

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- contents of the book
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- foreword
- preface
- list of contributors (for multi-author works)
- acknowledgements
- list of abbreviations

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