



PREDATORY PUBLISHERS: FIVE QUESTIONS

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Who and what are they?

- Companies who will try to take money/ copyrights from authors of master's thesis and try to turn a sales profit on them

When can my work be targeted?

- After posting your master's thesis online authors will be contacted by a predatory publisher to take claim of their work.
- Predatory publishers target people who are eager to publish their work, so if a mass or spam emails can be sent at the time of completion of academic writings.

Where do they do business out of?

- Many publishers and companies work out Europe, Asia, and the United States. They are publishing and editing companies that take rights to a students work

Why Avoid Them?

- The main reason to avoid a Predatory Publisher is because an author will sign away all their rights to a piece of work
- By signing with a predatory publisher you lose your copyright to your work.
- A person whose work is put out by a predatory publisher could lose credibility

How can I spot one?

- If the publisher does not disclose all information about publishing
- If the publisher sends spam requests
- If they make claims that they are then best in the field even if they are relatively new
- If they have minimal copy editing
- If they publish papers that are non- academic
- If they publish many fields that are not normally published together

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