

In the light of yet another problem with publishing one of our books I thought it might be worth explaining some of the issues that ABDL books tend to attract when publishing.

Sites like Amazon.com are superb because they impose no moral judgements and as long as your book contains legal content ie no underage sex etc, there is no problem. Fortunately, Amazon accounts for 90% of eBook sales. However, not all publishing sites are the same.

Today, the book **The Chronicles of Vickie** was banned by smashwords.com because it had 'underage characters wearing diapers'. Now if you have read the book or know anything about us, you will know that there is zero sex content in the book or nudity or anything even approximating sexual content. You would also wonder why such an innocent story of young children exploring life together was an issue.

The problem was that it invoked 'ABDL' despite the fact that the 'A' means adult and there are no adult central characters. The argument (from Wikipedia no less!) is that diaper wearing is a fetish, full stop, no question and no variance accepted. That is idiotic of course, not to mention how a 4 year old can have a sexual fetish anyhow (they can't). Therefore, to them it is a book about a sexual fetish involving underage characters. It is a thoroughly offensive as well as an ignorantly stupid comment. We are appealing this but expect no positive outcome. Because of their antiquated and discriminatory approach to ABDL they also require EVERY book involving diaper-wearing to be clearly marked as 'erotica and age play' and therefore relegated to the 'taboo' section of their site. Incredibly, this also includes NON-FICTION books.

Draft2digital.com is a site that publishes your book on multiple platforms – mostly smaller ones – and is generally a very good site with one massive exception. They totally BAN all ABDL content and are quite rude in doing so claiming that it is 'underage sex, incest etc'. They also make the idiotic claim that 'other publishers' have asked them not to send them ABDL material which is a provable lie since some of these publishers already publish our books directly from us. They call all ABDL books 'offensive content' including non-fiction. Faux moralism at its finest.

KOBO.COM requires all ABDL books – including nonfiction – to be marked as 'erotica fiction' even if there is no erotic content at all. This relegates the books to the 'taboo' segment which is by default, turned off in kobo book searches. And I wonder why KOBO sales are so low!

Barnes and Noble are fine and pass no judgment as does GooglePlay. They are a pleasure to work with. LULU.Com is fine except for their general technological incompetence with repeated broken functions. As an example, they revamped their website and it was months before major functions worked at all and a year before everything was more-or-less okay.

Apple is well known for its faux-moralising and it is claimed that they 'don't want ABDL books' according to Draft2digital. They however already publish half of our books and a lot of other ABDL titles. Now if Apple – who has a long reputation for not playing well with others – allowed Windows users to browse their sites and publish to it, I wouldn't need to use third-party uploaders like the incompetent LULU.COM or the discriminatory SMASHWORDS.COM to do so.

So, as you can see, it is hard work to get past bias and ignorance in the publishing world just as it is in the rest of the world regarding ABDL.

All because we want to wear diapers...

In the meantime, explicit and violent porn books are no problem because that is 'mainstream'.

Sometimes, it still feels like 1950 when homosexuality was considered a paraphilia and sexual fetish while conveniently ignoring the existence of gay and lesbian preteens who couldn't possibly be either. How long will it be before wearing of diapers will be understood or at least accepted as being a spectrum and in many cases an IDENTITY and not simply a sexual fetish, the easy catch-all for anything we don't like and want to understand.

Sigh 😞

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