

Master Book Distribution Directory

Wholesalers, publishers & distributors supplying bookstores in the United States
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How to use this directory

Most independent bookstores combine three sources: **(1)** a national wholesaler (Ingram, and/or Bookazine) for fast restocking and special orders; **(2)** direct accounts with the Big Five publishers for frontlist and larger orders at better discounts; and **(3)** independent-press distributors (IPG, PGW, Consortium, NBN, etc.) for small-press lists. Comic and graphic-novel retailers add a direct-market distributor such as Lunar or PRHPS.

Quick reference

Distributor	Category	Website
Ingram Content Group (Ingram Book Co.)	National Trade Wholesalers	www.ingramcontent.com
Bookazine Co., Inc.	National Trade Wholesalers	www.bookazine.com
American West Books (AWB)	Regional & Specialty Wholesalers	www.americanwestbooks.com
Readerlink Distribution Services	Regional & Specialty Wholesalers	www.readerlink.com
Bulk Books	Regional & Specialty Wholesalers	www.bulkbooks.com
Asterism Books	Regional & Specialty Wholesalers	www.asterismbooks.com
Faire	Regional & Specialty Wholesalers	www.faire.com
Penguin Random House (incl. PRH Publisher Services)	Big Five Publishers — Direct Accounts	www.prhps.com
HarperCollins Publishers	Big Five Publishers — Direct Accounts	www.harpercollins.com
Simon & Schuster	Big Five Publishers — Direct Accounts	www.simonandschuster.com
Hachette Book Group (Hachette Client Services)	Big Five Publishers — Direct Accounts	www.hachettebookgroup.com
Macmillan Publishers	Big Five Publishers — Direct Accounts	us.macmillan.com
Independent Publishers Group (IPG)	Independent-Publisher Distributors	www.ipgbook.com
Publishers Group West (PGW)	Independent-Publisher Distributors	www.pgw.com
Consortium Book Sales & Distribution	Independent-Publisher Distributors	www.cbsd.com
Two Rivers Distribution	Independent-Publisher Distributors	www.tworiversdistribution.com
National Book Network (NBN)	Independent-Publisher Distributors	www.nbnbooks.com
Chicago Distribution Center (CDC)	Independent-Publisher Distributors	press.uchicago.edu/cdc
Itasca Books	Independent-Publisher Distributors	www.itascabooks.com
Greenleaf Book Group	Independent-Publisher Distributors	www.greenleafbookgroup.com
Lunar Distribution	Comics & Graphic Novels (Direct Market)	www.lunardistribution.com
Penguin Random House Publisher Services (PRHPS)	Comics & Graphic Novels (Direct Market)	www.prhps.com
Universal Distribution	Comics & Graphic Novels (Direct Market)	—

1. National Trade Wholesalers

Multi-publisher wholesalers. One account gives access to titles from thousands of publishers; the fastest way to restock and fill special orders.

Ingram Content Group (Ingram Book Co.)

Type	National wholesaler
Serves	All US retailers, independents, chains, libraries
Best for	Primary restock and special-order source; largest US wholesaler. Also offers consumer-direct (drop-ship) fulfillment and UK titles via its Gardners partnership.
How to order	Apply online for a retail account; order through the iPage platform or EDI.
Contact	One Ingram Blvd., La Vergne, TN 37086 Tel: (615) 793-5000 customerservice@ingramcontent.com www.ingramcontent.com

Bookazine Co., Inc.

Type	Full-service wholesaler (est. 1929)
Serves	Independent bookstores; strongest in the Northeast / East Coast; also ships internationally
Best for	Main alternative to Ingram. 2M+ current and backlist titles; same-day shipping on trade titles with 11:00 a.m. cutoff; free UPS freight at 20 assorted units.
How to order	Open an account at bookazine.com; order online or via EDI.
Contact	Bayonne, NJ (two New Jersey warehouses) Tel: (800) 221-8112 / (201) 339-7777 inquire@bookazine.com www.bookazine.com

2. Regional & Specialty Wholesalers

Useful as secondary suppliers or for non-traditional retail (gift, museum, grocery, club stores).

American West Books (AWB)

Type	Regional / specialty wholesaler
Serves	Warehouse clubs, specialty grocers, gift and national booksellers; smaller California accounts
Best for	Curated bestseller and gift programs; serves Costco, Sam's Club, REI and Whole Foods.
How to order	Contact sales via website to discuss account eligibility.
Contact	Sanger, CA and Ashland, VA distribution centers www.americanwestbooks.com

Readerlink Distribution Services

Type	Mass-market distributor
Serves	Mass merchants, grocery, drug and big-box chains
Best for	Category management for large chain retail; generally not set up for small independents.
How to order	Corporate/chain accounts by inquiry.
Contact	Oak Brook, IL www.readerlink.com

Bulk Books

Type	Wholesaler
Serves	Retailers, schools, businesses buying in quantity
Best for	Titles from all major US publishers at bulk pricing.
How to order	Order online / request quote.
Contact	www.bulkbooks.com

Asterism Books

Type	Small-press wholesale portal
Serves	Independent bookstores and libraries
Best for	One cart for ordering from many small, literary and indie presses.
How to order	Create a wholesale account online.
Contact	Seattle, WA www.asterismbooks.com

Faire

Type	Online wholesale marketplace
Serves	Independent gift and book shops
Best for	Sidelines, stationery and titles from smaller publishers; net terms and low minimums for new retailers.
How to order	Sign up as a retailer online.
Contact	www.faire.com

3. Big Five Publishers — Direct Accounts

Buying direct usually earns a better discount than a wholesaler for frontlist and large orders. Each publisher sets its own minimums and terms.

Penguin Random House (incl. PRH Publisher Services)

Type	Publisher + distributor
Serves	Bookstores, comic shops, specialty retail
Best for	PRH titles plus the many client publishers PRHPS distributes (including major graphic-novel lines).
How to order	Apply for a retailer account; order via PRH retailer site or EDI.
Contact	www.penguinrandomhouse.com www.prhps.com

HarperCollins Publishers

Type	Publisher + distributor
Serves	Bookstores and specialty retail
Best for	HarperCollins imprints and distributed clients.
How to order	Open a direct account via the HarperCollins sales/customer service team.
Contact	www.harpercollins.com

Simon & Schuster

Type	Publisher + distributor
Serves	Bookstores, comic shops, specialty retail
Best for	S&S imprints plus distribution clients.
How to order	Retailer account through S&S sales/customer service.
Contact	www.simonandschuster.com

Hachette Book Group (Hachette Client Services)

Type	Publisher + distributor
Serves	Bookstores and specialty retail
Best for	Hachette imprints and client publishers.
How to order	Direct account via HBG sales/customer service.
Contact	www.hachettebookgroup.com

Macmillan Publishers

Type	Publisher + distributor
Serves	Bookstores and specialty retail
Best for	Macmillan imprints and distributed publishers.
How to order	Direct account via Macmillan sales/customer service.
Contact	us.macmillan.com

4. Independent-Publisher Distributors

Exclusive distributors for hundreds of independent presses. Stores can order these lists direct (often with better terms) or through Ingram.

Independent Publishers Group (IPG)

Type	Independent distributor (est. 1971)
Serves	Bookstores, libraries, specialty retail; now also comic-shop (direct market) distribution
Best for	Hundreds of independent presses; strong in Spanish-language, children's, academic and general nonfiction.
How to order	Order by phone, email or ipgbook.com .
Contact	814 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60610 Orders: (800) 888-4741 Tel: (312) 337-0747 orders@ipgbook.com www.ipgbook.com

Publishers Group West (PGW)

Type	Independent distributor (Ingram Publisher Services)
Serves	Bookstores and gift/specialty trade
Best for	Around 150+ independent publishers.
How to order	Order through Ingram / IPS customer service.
Contact	www.pgw.com

Consortium Book Sales & Distribution

Type	Independent distributor (Ingram Publisher Services)
Serves	Bookstores and libraries
Best for	Literary, poetry and progressive independent presses.
How to order	Order through Ingram / IPS customer service.
Contact	www.cbsd.com

Two Rivers Distribution

Type	Independent distributor (Ingram Publisher Services)
Serves	Bookstores and specialty retail
Best for	Independent publishers across general trade categories.
How to order	Order through Ingram / IPS customer service.
Contact	www.tworiversdistribution.com

National Book Network (NBN)

Type	Independent distributor (Rowman & Littlefield)
Serves	Bookstores, libraries, specialty retail
Best for	Trade, regional, outdoor and academic-crossover publishers.
How to order	Order via NBN customer service or website.
Contact	15200 NBN Way, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214 Tel: (800) 462-6420 www.nbnbooks.com

Chicago Distribution Center (CDC)

Type	University-press distributor (Univ. of Chicago Press)
Serves	Bookstores, college stores, libraries
Best for	Distributes 100+ university and scholarly presses.
How to order	Order by phone or online.
Contact	11030 S. Langley Ave., Chicago, IL 60628 Tel: (800) 621-2736 press.uchicago.edu/cdc

Itasca Books

Type	Independent distributor
Serves	Bookstores and libraries
Best for	Small and self-publishers.
How to order	Order via website or customer service.
Contact	Minneapolis, MN www.itascabooks.com

Greenleaf Book Group

Type	Distributor + hybrid publisher
Serves	Bookstores, airports, specialty stores, libraries
Best for	Business, self-help and independent titles.
How to order	Order via Greenleaf sales / customer service.
Contact	Austin, TX www.greenleafbookgroup.com

5. Comics & Graphic Novels (Direct Market)

Comic shops and bookstores with comics sections. Graphic novels are also widely available through PRHPS, S&S and Ingram.

Lunar Distribution

Type	Comics distributor (est. 2020)
Serves	Comic shops / direct market
Best for	Exclusive direct-market distributor for DC and Image periodicals; many former Diamond publishers.
How to order	Retailer account set-up via the FAQ page on the website.
Contact	New Haven (Fort Wayne area), IN www.lunardistribution.com

Penguin Random House Publisher Services (PRHPS)

Type	Comics & book distributor
Serves	Comic shops and bookstores
Best for	Marvel and many other comics publishers; rated ahead of Lunar in the ComicsPRO 2025 retailer survey.
How to order	Retailer account via PRHPS.
Contact	www.prhps.com

Universal Distribution

Type	Pop-culture / comics distributor
Serves	Comic, game and hobby shops (Canada; expanding in US)
Best for	Acquired Diamond's Alliance Game Distributors in 2025.
How to order	Account inquiry via company.
Contact	Montreal, QC (HQ)

6. Closed or Defunct — Do Not Use

Listed so buyers can update old vendor files and supplier lists.

Company	Status
Baker & Taylor	Exited bookstore wholesaling in 2019; ceased all operations around the start of 2026 after a planned sale to Readerlink collapsed. Libraries have moved mainly to Ingram and others.
Diamond Comic Distributors / Diamond Book Distributors	Filed Chapter 11 in Jan 2025; assets sold; case converted to Chapter 7 liquidation in Dec 2025. The Previews catalog has ended.
Small Press Distribution (SPD)	Closed in 2024; many of its presses moved to Asterism, Consortium and others.

Partners Book Distributing	Regional wholesaler; closed its last office in 2016.
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Tips for opening accounts

- Have your resale certificate / sales-tax ID, EIN, business address and trade references ready.
- Ask each supplier for its discount schedule, minimum order, freight policy and returns terms before your first order.
- Compare wholesaler vs. direct discounts on your top 20 publishers; direct usually wins on large frontlist orders.
- Join the American Booksellers Association (ABA) and your regional association for member terms and publisher contact lists.
- Use Edelweiss+ (free for booksellers) to browse publisher catalogs and submit orders to sales reps.

Disclaimer: Compiled from public sources in October 2026. Company ownership, contacts and terms change frequently; confirm details directly with each supplier before opening an account or placing orders.