

# Why Powells Bookshops Are Awesome

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*I think it's important for authors to be aware of any and all resources available to them. That includes great bookshops. So I'd like to take a moment to share a bit about Powells Bookshops. If you don't know them, it's probably because you don't know anyone in Portland, Oregon. Because if you know someone who lives there – anyone at all, you must have heard about Powells.*

**Some bookshops are more than shops with books. They're community centers for those who are book lovers. Powells is one of those special places.**

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**If you ever make your way to Portland, Oregon (USA), you've got to make a day trip to one of the Powell's bookshops. The day doesn't really matter – because pretty much every single day, something is happening.**

[Powells](#) started up in 1971, converting an old car dealership into a bookshop. Powells has grown over the years to 5 locations around the Portland area, and they sell used books and new releases.

What I love too is that Powells is a third-generation family run business. Emily Powell now runs the shops. It's independent, and I hope it stays that way.

### **Powells Busy Community Schedule**

[Powells](#) is exceptionally busy. Check their schedule of events, and you'll see that on nearly every day there is more than one event planned.

Here is the [Powells Calendar](#). "We host over 500 author events a year, in addition to children's storytimes, writing workshops, game demonstrations, and book clubs." – [from the Powells website](#)

This is exactly what I've always felt a real bookshop should be. It should be about more than selling books, it should be about bringing people together – to talk about books and enjoy them together.

### **Powells Buys Used Books**

I've always loved snapping up a used book at a good price. It means I can afford a hardback book without sawing off a leg – and I like hardbacks.

If you've got books to sell, you can get a quote as to its value at Powells. [Try this online tool](#).

### **Submit Your Book(s) to be Sold with Powells**

If you have written (or illustrated) books that you wish to be sold at Powells, you can contact the company about just that. [Here's HOW](#).

**If you're wondering, yes, they do sell self-published titles. You must apply with the company. Details are at the link above.**

### **Self Publish Through Powells**

Powells doesn't just talk about supporting authors, they actually do it. They are hooked-up with the [Espresso Book Machine](#), and one of the Powells shop locations has one. If you want to self publish and do that through Powells, you can.

**You just need to follow the submission requirements. [Details here](#).**

### **What's *Your* Favorite Bookshop?**

I want to get an awesome, international list of must-go places. So please tell me: what's your favorite bookshop and why? Write below, let everyone know – or, as ever, send me an email.

**Keep creating, no matter what.**

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