Yet Another Emerging Trend: Crowdfunded Publications

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Crowdfunding?

crowdfunding, n.

Pronunciation: Brit. /kraudfnndin/, U.S. /kraudfəndin/

Origin: Formed within English, by compounding. **Etymons:** CROWD *n.3*, FUNDING *n.*

Etymology: < crowd $n.^3$ + funding n., after crowdsourcing n. Compare slightly earlier crowdfunded adj.

A 2006 usage on the defunct website fundavlog.com is often cited as the coinage of the term.

The practice of funding a project or venture by raising money from a large number of people, each of whom contributes a relatively small amount, typically via the internet. Frequently *attributive*.

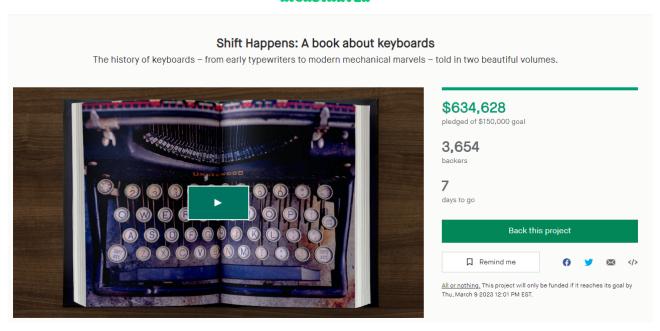


Kickstarter

"As of January 2021, the company has raised more than \$5.6 billion with over 197,425 projects."

- These Are the Top 10 Crowdfunding Platforms by Aman Jain

KICKSTARTER





텀블벅 tumblbug

Korean crowdfunding platform for creators

\$92 million with over 18,000 projects until 2020 (tumblbug homepage)



tumblbug Publications

- Sustainable publishing ecosystem through collaboration among diverse participants
- Publishing diversity through low entry barriers
- Development of experimental books beyond traditional publishing

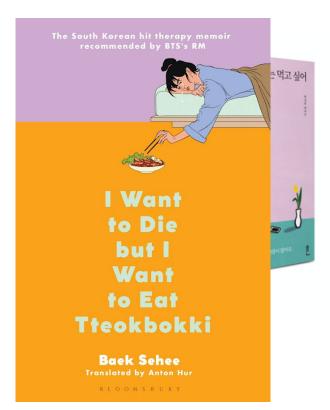
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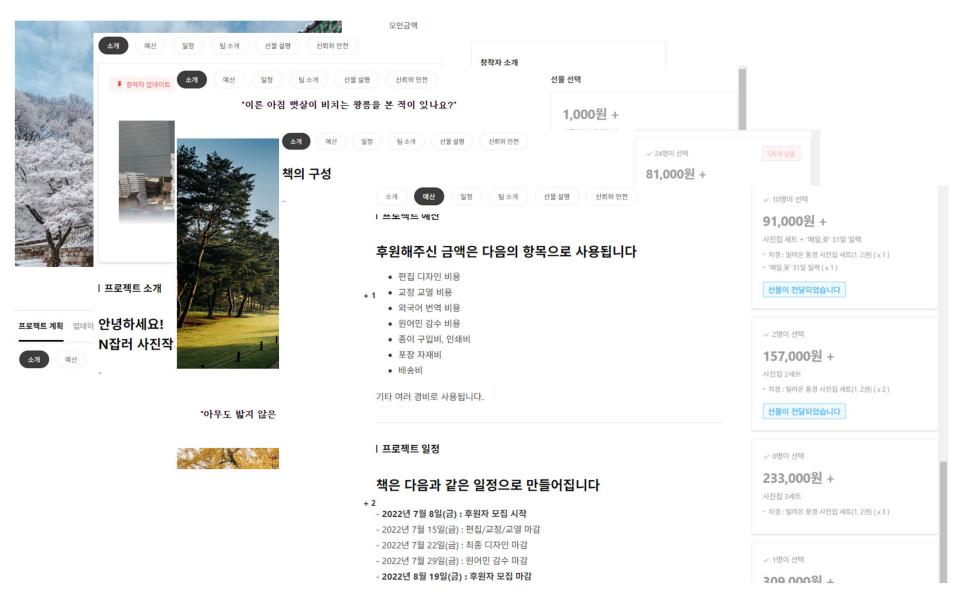
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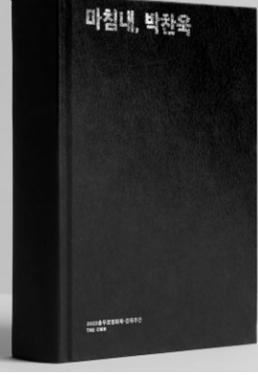














Numbers (1)

- 48 publication projects selected during the pilot.
 - Success rate: 90% (43 out of 48)
 - Average cost per title: \$30
 - Average period from payment to publication:
 44 days (shortest: 9 days, longest: 119 days)
 - Average difference of between the projected publication date and the actual one: 19 days
 smallest: -19 days, largest: +78 days



Numbers (2)

Publications on women's and gender studies:
 10 out of 43

Essays on Covid-19 / depression / rare diseases:
 7 out of 43



tumblbug vs. Traditional Publishing

Ratio of literature/essay category

Traditional Publishing: 20.7% (as of 2021)

Tumblbug: 42.1%

Ratio of legal deposit

Traditional Publishing: 97.4% (as of 2020)

Tumblbug: 30.2% (based on my project result)



Next Plan: Collaboration

- Collaborative Collection Development and Sharing
 - Starting in 2023
 - Collaborative selection
 - One in Chicago, Yale, and Princeton
 - Available through ILL



Challenges

- Monitoring new projects regularly
- Monitoring processes until actual publication
- Various funding periods
- Funding commitment as a library
- Failed funding, delayed or unfulfilled projects

