



BRONZE MAN BOOKS

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The History of Bronze Man Books

Bronze Man Books is a student-owned press located on Millikin University's campus in Decatur, Illinois, dedicated to quality design and meaningful content.

Beginning in the spring of 2006, Bronze Man Books originated out of the course called The Art of Publishing. This class was created by Dr. Randy Brooks, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and Dr. Edwin Walker, Chair of the Art Department, who both had experience in the publishing world. Their wish was to expose undergraduate students to the process of publishing through the lens of a business—through practice, not lecture. Within the first semester of the course, Bronze Man Books was established as an official press in name, mission, and legality. Its first publication was a children's book titled *Ants in the Band Room*. Since then, Bronze Man Books has published a number of books on poetry, art, plays, and more. The business is still staffed by students who enroll in The Art of Publishing, and continues to seek out and explore new venues for publication.

Each semester, students are interviewed by senior members of the company. Those who enter the class understand the dedication and professionalism required to maintain integrity of the business. Students have the option of pursuing one of three areas—editing, design, or marketing. However, like any small business, the staff of Bronze Man Books maintains a high level of correspondence and assistance between the teams to assure stability and high spirits of the company.



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