# BAKER&TAYLOR

#### Dear Publisher:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a vendor with Baker & Taylor. We are a leading full-line distributor of books, video, music and digital media product and maintain one of the largest combined in-stock book, video and music inventories in the United States. We ship to public and academic libraries, educational institutions, and international retailers. We would be pleased to review your material for inclusion with us.

To be considered as a vendor with Baker & Taylor, publisher *must* agree to the following **Required Terms of Sale**:

- 55% discount off retail list price (60% discount for calendar product)
- Product is fully returnable for both overstock and damaged/defective product
- Inbound freight to Baker & Taylor paid by publisher
- 90 day payment terms

Each book must have a unique ISBN and EAN, price-point, or UPC barcode.

Publisher agrees to participate in Baker & Taylor's **International Sales Rebate Program**. Details about this program can be found in the FAQ section below.

If approved as a vendor and once your titles are listed with us, your titles will become available to <u>all</u> our customers. We will not restrict sales to any particular customer or sales market.

We require all vendors selling product to us intended for children (12 years old and younger) to be in **compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 ("CPSIA")** issued by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). If any of your products do not meet the CPSC's requirements relating to the CPSIA, we cannot list those items as available through Baker & Taylor. Further information can be found in the FAQ section below.

Baker & Taylor is a demand driven wholesaler and not a distribution service for client publishers. In this respect, we do not market or solicit sales for your titles to our customers. Please take the time to review our "Book Supplier Requirements" online at http://www.baker-taylor.com/suppliers\_supplier\_info.cfm prior to submitting your vendor application to us.

If you agree with our Required Terms of Sale and requirements above, please complete the following Vendor Application form and return to:

Baker & Taylor Attn: Publisher Relations - Vendor Application P.O. Box 6885 501 Route 22 West Bridgewater, NJ 08807

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#### Your submission <u>MUST</u> include:

- <u>1</u> review copy each of no more than 5 of your books
- <u>3</u> copies of your marketing/promotion plan (application will not be reviewed without this)
- Any other material that you would consider helpful in your consideration as a vendor with us such as a letter of intent to purchase by a retailer or library (see FAQ's below)
- If applicable, documentation stating your publishing company is in compliance with the CPSIA of 2008.

#### \*Please note that review copies and marketing plans will <u>not</u> be returned.

Once received, we will review and consider your application. Please allow <u>at least four (4) weeks</u> for your material to be reviewed. You will receive a response <u>via email</u> from one of our Publisher Relations staff. Any publisher accepted as a vendor will be required to pay at a minimum, a *one-time, non-refundable* set up fee.

Baker & Taylor will give consideration to all applicants that meet our Required Terms of Sale. However, we reserve the right to only approve as vendors those applicants that meet our current business needs at this time.

#### BAKER & TAYLOR NEW VENDOR PROGRAM

#### PREMIUM PROGRAM - \$350.00\*

- All your title(s) will be listed on our database as available for order to our customers.
- Title(s) will be purchased initially to fulfill our customer backorders only. Your title(s) will not be stocked until consistent demand is established.
- Advertising for paid title(s)\* in one of Baker & Taylor's nationally circulated catalogs. A <u>one-time</u> super annotation featuring your book description and jacket art, provided by the publisher, will appear in one of our catalogs. We will support the placement of your superannotation with a minimum inventory purchase to be determined upon acceptance.

\*\$350 is for <u>one</u> advertised title and includes a one time, no-refundablee set up fee. We will accept up to <u>four</u> additional titles for super annotations <u>if submitted at time of enrollment</u>. The cost is \$200 per additional title. Titles can be no more than one (1) year past publication date to be considered.

We offer existing members of either **IBPA**, **The Independent Book Publishers Association** or **APSS**, **Association of Publishers for Special Sales**, a discount of \$50.00 off Baker & Taylor's Vendor Premium Program if working with us for the first time. Contact either organization directly with questions about their organization: <u>www.ibpa-online.org</u> or <u>www.bookapss.org</u>.

## **Frequently Asked Questions – Vendor Application**

#### What Would You Like To See Included In The Marketing/Promotion Plan I Will Submit?

Some of the marketing and promotion strategies we look for but are not limited to:

- Upcoming scheduled dates and locations for book signings, speaking engagements and/or radio or television appearances
- Recent published reviews in trade magazines (e.g. Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal, ForeWord, Kirkus Reviews) and/or newspapers that include publication dates
- Recent advertising
- List of reviewers you have submitted your book(s) to that include dates sent
- Letter(s) of intent to purchase from a retailer and/or library

#### Does Baker & Taylor Require That I Sign An Exclusive Agreement?

Baker & Taylor does <u>NOT</u> require an exclusive agreement in order to do business with us.

#### Will Baker & Taylor Stock My Books Immediately After I've Been Set Up As A Vendor?

Baker & Taylor is a demand driven wholesaler. It is our policy to monitor your titles closely and to purchase them initially *only* when we receive a firm **customer backorder**. We strongly advise you to encourage potential customers of your titles to place a backorder with us after being accepted as a vendor. This will assist in building a history of demand for your title(s). The buyer will continue to monitor your title(s) and when a consistent demand develops, your book(s) may be purchased for stock. Be sure to keep your buyer informed of your promotional and marketing efforts including book signings. \*\*\*NOTE: Publishers that are accepted for our Premium program will have the opportunity for stock position of their select title(s) in support of their super annotation(s).

#### Will Baker & Taylor Market My Book?

Baker & Taylor is a demand driven wholesaler and not a distribution service for client publishers. In this respect, we do not market or solicit sales for your titles to our customers. For marketing services, please refer to the list below:

- Independent Book Publishers Association 1020 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Ste 204 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 Phone: 310-546-1818 Email: info@ibpa-online.org Web: www-ibpa-online.org
- Colorado Independent Publishers Association 6142 W Pacific Cir Lakewood, CO 80227 Veronica Yager, Executive Director Phone: 720-334-8376 Email: veronica@yellowstudiosonline.com Web: www.cipabooks.com
- Circle of Seven Productions

   4211 Junior St
   Mt. Sterling, KY 40353
   Sheila English, CEO
   Phone: 859-274-6088
   Email: info@cosproductions.com
   Web: www.cosproductions.com
- Arbor Books 244 Madison Avenue, #254 New York, NY 10016-2819 Olga Vladi, Marketing Director Phone: 877-822-2500 Email: info@arborbooks.com www.arborbooks.com

- Association of Publishers for Special Sales
  - PO Box 715 Avon, CT 06001 Brian Jud, Executive Director **Phone:** 860-675-1344 **Email:** <u>BrianJud@bookapss.org</u> **Web:** <u>www.bookapss.org</u>
- The Cadence Group

212 Marengo Ave #2S Forest Park, IL 60130 Phone: 708-689-0908 Email: <u>services@thecadencegrp.com</u> Web: <u>www.thecadencegrp.com</u>

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#### What is the International Sales Rebate Program?

While many of our publishing partners have local sales representation in international markets, we reach customers that are often beyond the publisher's on the ground sales force or agents. Many of our customers look to B&T as their single source supplier for both physical and digital content.

Our International Rebate Program offers the publisher:

- detailed monthly international sales report by title, country and market type (library or retail).
- marketing of titles to customers utilizing new and existing marketing vehicles, such as *International Trade Zone*, *Academia* and expanded, targeted E-Blasts.
- reduction in your overall operational costs as we export your international shipments shipping export costs are eliminated, publisher direct receivables are reduced and overall royalty payments are reduced for titles exported.

The cost of the program is a **5% rebate on all international sales at list, sold by B&T on your behalf.** The rebate will be automatically deducted from your account on a monthly basis. As a participant in this program, the publisher agrees to a monthly rebate of 5% of list price on all **International** sales sold through Baker & Taylor. This rebate program will begin the first of the month following the effective date of this signed agreement and will be debited monthly. This program operates on a rolling 12 month basis, with auto-renewal at the end of 12 months from inception. Annual renewal may be cancelled with written notice to your Buyer 90 days prior to renewal date.

Where Can I Find Out More Information About The Consumer Product Safety Act Of 2008, "CPSIA"? The CPSIA, along with other directives and amendments, enacts requirements related to lead paint, lead content, phthalates and tracking labels for products designed or intended primarily for children twelve years old or younger. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has developed an informational website for the CPSIA, which you can view at <a href="http://www.cpsc.gov">http://www.cpsc.gov</a>. Ordinary books and paper-based printed materials are excluded from third party testing for lead content. See <a href="http://www.cpsc.gov/en/business-manufacturing/business-education/lead/total-lead-content/">http://www.cpsc.gov/en/business-manufacturing/business-education/lead/total-lead-content/</a>

#### What is An Imprint?

An imprint is the designation under which a publisher issues a given list of titles. A publisher's name, often with a date, address and edition of a publication, are printed at the bottom of the title page. Imprints are often used by publishing houses to develop a specific market/brand of books. For example, a publisher may use one imprint for their business books, and another imprint for their lifestyle/cooking books.

#### What Is EDI?

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is a set of computer interchange standards for business documents such as invoices, bills, and purchase orders. Baker & Taylor does not require you to be EDI compliant unless you have net sales volume of \$30,000 or more with us. Publishers with an annual net sales volume with Baker & Taylor of less than \$30,000 per year must make every effort to provide EDI ordering capabilities. For more information on how to establish an EDI relationship with Baker & Taylor, please visit our Suppliers page on our website: http://www.btol.com/supplier\_info.cfm

#### What is a Bookland EAN Barcode?

The Bookland EAN Barcode is a 13 digit code used internationally to identify and track books. This is the preferred bar code of choice in the book industry. The Book Industry Study Group (BISG) has adopted a policy recommending that there be only one bar code, the Bookland EAN, on Cover 4 (the back cover) of any book including the human-readable ISBN-13 above the bar code. B&T follows BISG standards for bar coding. For further information visit their website at <a href="http://www.bisg.org/">http://www.bisg.org/</a>

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#### What Will Happen If I Do Not Bar Code Or Incorrectly Bar Code My Books?

Baker & Taylor <u>requires</u> that all merchandise is bar coded with a unique EAN, Price-Point, or UPC bar code following Book Industry Study Group (BISG) standards. If product is shipped to Baker & Taylor with an incorrect or missing barcode, it will require us to affix a generic bar code to the product. Non-compliance will result in a chargeback to the publisher of <u>\$0.40</u> to create and apply a bar code label <u>per unit</u>.

# I've Recently Acquired The Rights To One Or More Books From Another Publishing Company. I'd Like To List Them On Your Database. How Can I Do This?

Baker & Taylor will require that you submit an application to become a vendor with us. You will also need to provide us with verification from the previous publisher(s) releasing the rights to you. Include this documentation with your completed Vendor Application. Also, we highly recommend that you reprint the book with your own ISBN.



# VENDOR APPLICATION

Contact Information	
Publisher Name	
Contact Name & Title	
E-mail address (Required)	
Phone	
Publisher Address (U.S. or Canadian address only)	
Web Address	
<b>Company Information</b>	
How many years has your publishing company been in business?	
Are you currently working with any other wholesalers or distributors by exclusive contract?	□ Yes. If yes, with whom? □ No
If leaving your current distributor, please provide the date your contract expires.	
Are you currently publishing under more than one imprint name? If yes, specify imprints.	
Product Information	
Please list your ISBN prefixes. (This includes all numbers of the ISBN minus the last 2-3 numbers.)	
Are you currently publishing or will publish in the following formats (check all that apply and must include at least one selection)?:	<ul> <li>Adult Hardcover</li> <li>Adult Paper</li> <li>Calendars</li> <li>Juvenile Hardcover</li> <li>CD-Rom</li> <li>Juvenile Paper</li> <li>Juvenile Reinforced Binding</li> </ul>
If you checked Juvenile Hardcover, Paper or Reinforced Binding above, does this product comply with the CPSIA of 2008?	□ Yes □ No – Please explain:

Product Information cont.			
How many titles do you currently have in print?			
Are you publishing any Spanish language titles? If yes, how many?			
How many authors does your company publish?			
What forthcoming titles do you have releasing this year and what are their publication dates?			
What is your average suggested retail price for your books?			
What is the publication date(s) of the title(s) you are submitting for review?			
What is the primary subject type of your product line?			
Sales & Marketing Information			
What are your year-to-date gross sales and units?			
What is the primary market for your titles (library, school, retail, etc.)?			
What percentage of your total sales is through this primary market?			
How do you market your titles to these channels?			
What is your annual marketing budget?			
<b>Operations Information</b>			
Are you set up to receive purchase orders via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)?	□ Yes	□ No	
Can you conduct business online via email? (required)	□ Yes	□ No	
Are you an IBPA member?	□ Yes	□ No	

Submission of this form with signature indicates your agreement with the <u>Required Terms of Sale</u>, but does <u>not</u> constitute an agreement for Baker & Taylor to distribute your product nor does it imply a guarantee of supplier acceptance. <u>Required Terms of Sale</u>: 55% discount, product fully returnable for both overstock & damaged/defective, inbound freight paid by publisher, 90 day payment terms.

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Date:

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