

## **Claudia Jackson: The Promise Keeper**

Before I'd even heard of Telemachus Press, I was struck by Claudia Jackson's job title: "The Promise Keeper." I wanted to find out more about her. When I learned she kept promises made to authors who wanted to independently publish their books, I became even more intrigued. My long-time NYC agent had kept talking about a tough marketplace and a depressed economy. But Claudia showed me that truly exciting developments are happening in the publishing world. It's not tough and depressed – it's actually a huge shift! Claudia understands this, and wants us all – writers and publishers alike – to be a part of the change.

Claudia charged me a flat fee for the whole process – there were no surprises. The surprise was how she went way beyond what is in the contract. Even now, long after the contract has been fulfilled, she's checking my sales, keeping up with every detail, advising me, offering suggestions. She's been an extraordinary accomplice in this endeavor - I feel as though she's as connected to my book as I am. She knows everything there is to know about the process of self-publishing, and keeps absolutely current with the constant changes that are happening. For example, as soon as the iPad made noises about teaming up with Smashwords, she made sure all her authors were on the program.

She has published me in e-book, softcover, and hardcover, and already I've made back every penny I've invested in independently publishing my novels. Not only does it feel tremendously freeing to be in charge of one's own destiny, but it's also FUN.

Claudia knows the independent publishing industry. I have been 100% satisfied with everything she's done for my books and for my career as a writer.