

AuthorAZ Launches as Authors Push Back Against AI Training in Publishing

A private, offline vault for manuscripts, book metadata and marketing assets. Authors keep every book on their own device. No AI, no cloud, no subscription.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, August 4, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Across publishing, a new fault line is forming around artificial intelligence, consent, and control of creative work. As generative AI becomes embedded in writing, editing, marketing, and design platforms, authors are asking a practical question: what happens to the drafts, manuscripts, notes, and finished books they place inside those systems?

AuthorAZ: The Offline Author Vault in the Age of AI

A local-first workspace for authors who want to manage manuscripts, metadata, and marketing assets without AI processing, cloud dependency, or data tracking.

1 WHY AUTHORS ARE CONCERNED

- 96%** of authors say consent and payment should be required if works are used to build AI systems.
- 59%** of surveyed published novelists believe their work has already been used to train AI without permission.
- 51%** of authors expect AI could replace their work entirely.
- 93%** of authors would opt out of AI training if given the choice.

2 THE PROBLEM

- Drafts and manuscripts often live in cloud tools authors do not control. You don't own the server. You don't control the rules.
- Book-business data gets scattered across documents and tabs. Blurbs, ISBNs, ASINs, keywords, links, pricing, and cover files end up everywhere—and nothing stays in one place.
- Cloud editing and design tools can leave metadata behind and increase risk. Your work may be exposed to unwanted AI-related blocks, scrutiny, or future policy changes.

3 THE AUTHORAZ RESPONSE

- Local-first vault
- No AI processing
- No cloud account
- No data tracking
- No recurring subscription

Everything You Need—Kept Yours

- Manuscript Snapshots
- Metadata Vault
- Quotes & Review Cards
- Custom Social Carousels
- Local Search
- On-Device Text-to-Speech
- Pre-Name Brand Settings
- Encrypted Backups

Nothing is uploaded, so nothing can be ingested, indexed, analyzed, or labelled by a third party.

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Sources: Authors Guild survey (Dec 2023); University of Cambridge Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy study (2025).

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AuthorAZ exists so there is a third option: your books, your metadata, your quotes, your branding, all in one place that never phones home.”

Alexandru Filip, creator of AuthorAZ

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way to turn a book into social content usually means pasting the manuscript into an AI tool or rebuilding the same quote card in a cloud design platform, month after month.

There is a second, newer cost to that workflow. Major social platforms now read content-provenance metadata that many cloud design and editing tools embed automatically, and apply AI-content labels on the basis of what they find. Creators have reported ordinary, human-made images being tagged as AI-assisted because of metadata left behind by a background removal or a routine edit — a label that, once attached, invites reader scrutiny and can dampen a post's reach. For an author whose credibility rests on having written the book themselves, being algorithmically filed under "made with AI" is not a small annoyance.

[AuthorAZ](#) launches as a local-first answer to both problems. It is a private author vault in which manuscripts, book metadata, cover variants, quotes, reviews, carousel assets, and pen-name brand settings stay on the author's own device—with no AI processing, no cloud account, no data tracking, and no recurring subscription. Nothing is uploaded, so nothing can be ingested, indexed, analyzed, or labeled by a third party.

The app is built for writers who already have books to manage, as well as those with work still unpublished. It includes a book business vault that keeps covers, blurbs, store metadata, ISBNs, ASINs, pricing, page counts, and purchase links organized by title, with one-tap copy for keywords, blurbs, links, or a full metadata sheet. A social content studio builds quote cards, review cards, and custom carousels in the author's own colors and branding, drawn from the actual manuscript or from reviews the author adds, and rendered entirely on the device. Manuscript snapshots are imported as read-only text, so a work in progress or a published title can be searched and quoted without leaving the phone. A find-and-listen feature combines local text search with on-device text-to-speech for proofreading by ear. Cover slots and pen-name brand settings let multiple formats and separate author identities each keep their own assets, held in encrypted backups.

"Not every author wants their creative process connected to AI, cloud storage, analytics, or another monthly bill," said Alexandru Filip, creator of AuthorAZ. "Right now the choice on offer is upload your manuscript to something that reads it, or build your marketing in a tool that quietly stamps your post as machine-made. AuthorAZ exists so there is a third option: your books, your metadata, your quotes, your branding, all in one place that never phones home."

"Published authors are not just protecting a draft — they are protecting a catalogue," Filip added. "Every book carries years of accumulated detail, and most of it currently lives in someone else's cloud. This puts the whole shelf back on the author's device."

AuthorAZ is available for iPhone and iPad on the [Apple App Store](#) and for Android on [Google Play](#), as a one-time purchase with future updates included. For more information, visit authoraz.com.

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