

PUBLISHERS AND BOOKSELLERS IN GEORGIA



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THE HISTORY OF BOOK PUBLISHING IN GEORGIA

The roots of book publishing in Georgia go back to the 4th Century when Georgian's conversion to Christianity created demand for manuscripts in Georgian. These manuscripts were copied in monasteries across the country.

Alongside the translation of the Bible, original texts were also created. These early books were of religious content and written by monks. The first Georgian book – The Martyrdom of Shushanik by Jakob Tsurtaveli – was written in the 5th century.

Although 5th Century inscriptions on the walls of churches are maintained. Unfortunately no complete books survived from 5th to 6th Century save fragmentary pages. One Georgian handwritten book which did survive to the present day is the Mt. Sinai (Egypt) Bible from 864.

Despite the fact that Georgian books were printed from the 17th Century onwards, manuscripts still constituted the largest fraction of Georgian literature until the beginning of the 19th Century. And although thousands of books survived through various centuries, even more were allegedly destroyed.

There are about 10 000 titles of both manuscripts and old printed books preserved at the National Centre of Manuscripts in Georgia.



IMPORTANT DATES

468 The first Georgian inscription was made.

495 The first Georgian book “The Martyrdom of Shushanik” was written.

973 The first known Georgian Manuscript of the Four Gospels was created.

1629 The first Georgian book Italian-Georgian Dictionary was printed.

1712 The first book was printed in the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi.

1819 The first Georgian newspaper was printed.

1995 The law on intellectual property was adopted.

1995 Georgian Publishers Association, later joined also by booksellers (GPBA) was founded.

1997 National ISBN Agency was founded.

2008 GPBA joined IPA as a regular member.



CONTACT INFORMATION OF PUBLISHERS AND BOOKSELLERS

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AGORA PUBLISHING HOUSE

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Description:

Agora Publishing House was established in 2006. Its editorial policy is fiction - novels, short stories, poetry; philosophical, historical, sociological and anthropological essays, children's books. Agora's publishing priority is translations, mostly from French language.



ARETE PUBLISHING HOUSE

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Publishing Priority: Fiction, Non-Fiction

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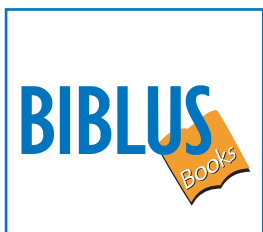
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Book chain Biblus was founded on May 23, 2008. The network includes 50 branches throughout the country.

Biblus offers a wide variety of books in all genres of literature on different languages and also stationary production.





BOOKS IN BATUMI PUBLISHING

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BOOKCAFE

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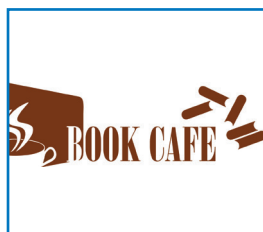
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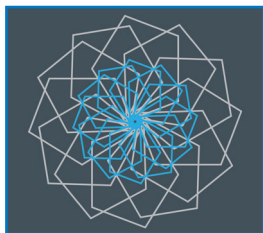
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Founded in 1996 Diogene Publishers is one of the oldest publishing houses of Georgia.





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 Distribution Company Iriatoni was founded in 2013. Company operates throughout Georgia with the main activity of distribution of books, postcards and souvenirs. In total company has more than 1500 points of sales in the country.



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**INTELEKTI
PUBLISHING**

INTELEKTI PUBLISHING

Profile: Publishing House

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Intelekti Publishing was founded in 1994. Every year Intelekti publishes up to 250 books, among them: fiction and documentary prose, classical and modern poetry and prose, academic and scientific literature written in Georgian as well as translated from other languages.



KARCHKHADZE PUBLISHING

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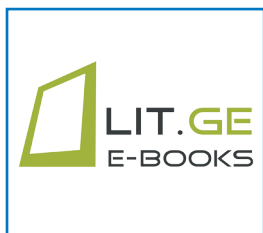
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**Karchkhadze
PUBLISHING**



LIT.GE

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lit.ge is the first and the largest eBook publisher and seller company in Caucasus. It's operating from 2011. Lit.ge is collaborating with all Georgian publishers and authors. Since 2014 lit.ge is offering eBook solutions, including eBook reader apps and website to different companies.



OCHOPINTRE PUBLISHING

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PALITRA L PUBLISHING

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Palitra L Publishing was founded in 2005. At present, every year Palitra L publishes more than 400 books of Georgian and foreign authors. Palitra L Publishing is working successfully with journals of the biggest Georgian Media Holding "Palitra Media".



PEDAGOGIKA

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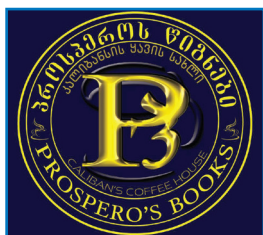
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Description:

The Publishing House Pedagogika was established in 1994. Pedagogika produces educational, methodic, scientific and children's literature. Our audience are teachers, pupils, their parents, students and other education specialists.





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PUBLISHING HOUSE PEGASI

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WORLD OF LAWYERS

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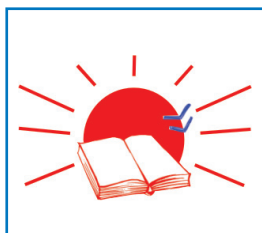
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