

# 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

# BOOK PUBLISHERS

**AGORA PUBLISHING HOUSE**  
**ARETE PUBLISHING HOUSE**  
**ARTANUJI PUBLISHING**  
**AZRI PUBLISHERS**  
**BAKMI-PUBLISHERS**  
**BIBLUS**  
**BOOKS IN BATUMI PUBLISHING**  
**BOOKCAFE**  
**BOOKS IN VAKE**  
**DIOGENE PUBLISHERS**  
**DISTRIBUTION COMPANY IRIATONI**  
**ELF PUBLISHING HOUSE**  
**INTELEKTI PUBLISHING**  
**KARCHKHADZE PUBLISHING**  
**LIT.GE**  
**OCHOPINTRE PUBLISHING**  
**PAUTRA I PUBLISHING**  
**PEDAGOGIKA**  
**PROSPERO'S BOOKS'**  
**PUBLISHING HOUSE PEGASI**  
**PUBLISHING HOUSE SAKARTVELOS MATSNE**  
**WORLD OF LAWYERS**  
**SHEMETSNEBA PUBLISHING**  
**SULAKAURI PUBLISHING**  
**TSIGNI+ERI**  
**ZEBRA GROUP**  
**CREATIVE ANGEL PUBLISHING**  
**USTARI PUBLISHING**





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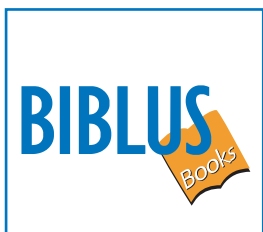
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Book chain Biblus was founded on May 23, 2008. The network includes 50 branches throughout the country.

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





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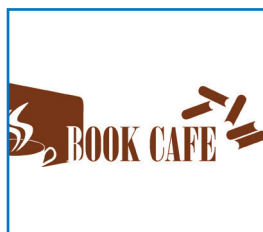
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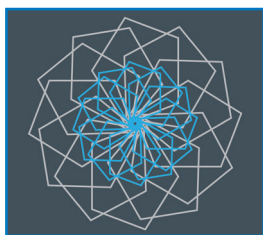
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Founded in 1996 Diogene Publishers is one of the oldest publishing houses of Georgia.





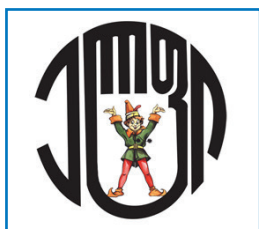
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**INTELEKTI  
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Intelekti Publishing was founded in 1994. Every year Intelekti publishes up to 250 books, among them: fiction and documentary prose, classical and modern poetry and prose, academic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



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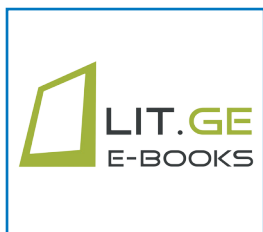
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lit.ge is the first and the largest eBook publisher and seller company in Caucasus. It's operating from 2011. Lit.ge is collaborating with all Georgian publishers and authors. Since 2014 lit.ge is offering eBook solutions, including eBook reader apps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



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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".



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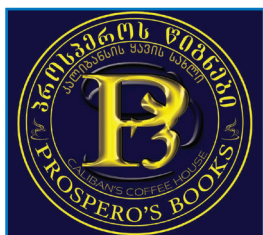
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The Publishing House Pedagogika was established in 1994. Pedagogika produces educational, methodic, scientific and children's literature. Our audience are teachers, pupils, their parents, students and other education specialists.





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Prospero's Books' mission is to create the environment for the local and expatriate customers to experience the best quality services and products. We strive to be valuable resources to our customers and help them to benefit from each buy.



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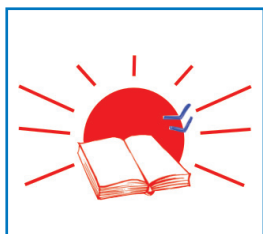
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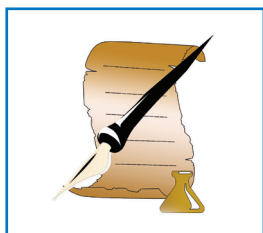
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We've been around long enough to know a thing or two about this business. And since, ultimately, the tree is known by its fruit, we let our books speak for themselves.



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