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A commissioning editor decides which books a publishing house will publish. They sign authors on contract, ensure manuscripts arrive on time and keep publishing deadlines on track.



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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। • An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

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2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Bachelor's in Mass Comm./Publishing
Duration	3–5 years
Avg. salary	₹30,000–1,20,000/month
Work mode	Office, some travel

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in books and market trends
- Reading and spotting new ideas
- Building relationships with authors

ABILITIES

- Strong verbal and written communication
- Meeting deadlines under pressure
- Analytical thinking

KEY SKILLS

- Manuscript evaluation
- Negotiation and contracts
- Language and editing
- Market and reader insight
- Project management
- Networking

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass 10+2 in any stream.

- 2 Complete a Bachelor's in Mass Communication/Publishing/Digital Publishing.
- 3 Optionally do a Master's in Mass Communication/Media Science.
- 4 Or take a diploma in Mass Communication/Digital Media.
- 5 Start as an editorial assistant.
- 6 Clear an entrance test where the institute requires it.

MAIN EXAMS

- CUET (UG/PG) for central universities
- IIMC entrance test

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- University of Rajasthan — Jaipur (<https://www.uniraj.ac.in>)
- Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) — New Delhi (<https://iimc.gov.in>)
- Makhn Lal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism — Bhopal (<https://www.mcu.ac.in>)
- Savitribai Phule Pune University — Pune (<http://www.unipune.ac.in>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Jyoti Vidyapeeth Women's University — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Xavier Institute of Communications — Mumbai
- NSHM School of Media & Design — Kolkata

ONLINE

- NPTEL-SWAYAM (Media) — Online (<https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in>)
- UdeMy - Media Training — Online (<https://www.udemy.com/topic/media-training/>)
- IGNOU / VMOU कोटा (दूरस्थ) — Online (<https://www.ignou.ac.in>)

FEES

Course fees are roughly ₹25,000–5,00,000 and vary by institute.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://www.scholarships.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)
- Vidya Lakshmi (Education Loan) (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Publishing houses, news agencies, magazines, websites, advertising firms, radio and TV.

WORK CULTURE

Mainly office-based with some travel to meet authors and attend book fairs; often long hours. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

- Penguin Random House India
- HarperCollins India
- Bloomsbury India
- Rupa Publications
- Hachette India
- Rajkamal Prakashan

DEMAND (2026)

India's publishing industry is growing in 2026 with digital and regional-language books, keeping demand for experienced commissioning editors steady.

7 Career growth

- 1 Editorial Assistant
- 2 Assistant Editor
- 3 Commissioning Editor
- 4 Senior Commissioning Editor
- 5 Editorial Director

EARNINGS

Starting	₹30,000
Mid level	₹60,000
Senior level	₹1,20,000+

Salary depends on the publishing house, experience and city.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Shape which books get published
- Work closely with authors and ideas
- Clear path to leadership

The challenges

- Pressure of sales targets
- Long working hours
- Few senior positions available

9 Real-life journeys

Shambhu Sahu

Commissioning Editor, Rupa Publications

New Delhi-based Shambhu Sahu moved from journalism to book publishing. Across 12+ years in print media he worked with The Times of India, PTI and The Indian Express, writing mainly on Hindi cinema; today he is a commissioning editor at Rupa Publications India.

The Write Scene · <https://thewritescene.com/blog/interview-with-shambhu-sahu-commissioning-editor-with-rupa-publications-india/>

Milee Ashwarya

Publisher, Penguin Random House India

Milee Ashwarya rose from commissioning editor to Publisher at Penguin Random House India, one of the country's largest publishing houses, where she leads its commercial and non-fiction lists.

Penguin Random House India · <https://www.penguin.co.in/leadership-team/milee-aishwarya/>

10 Sources & further reading

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3. Penguin Random House India — <https://www.penguin.co.in/leadership-team/milee-aishwarya/>
4. National Scholarship Portal — <https://www.scholarships.gov.in>



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