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The bookstore, known for its high-profile celebrity book signings with the likes of Andy Rooney and Mary Higgins Clark, is set to launch its Books by Bookends service using one of the first self-publishing systems in the United States.

The "on demand" system publishes books complete with bindings that are clean-cut and almost identical to books that have been professionally published, according to Bookends co-owners Walter and Pat Boyer.



"We are always looking for ways to offer better service, and we believe the Books by Bookends service is the future of publishing and book selling," said Walter Boyer.



Bookends, in partnership with Instabook Corp. will have the first Instabook Digital Bookstore and Self Publishing machine available to the public next week.



Invented by Victor Celorio of Gainesville, Fla., in the 1990s, the publishing system allows authors to bring manuscripts on a CD and have them printed and bound into paperback book.



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