

Welcome to Breaking Free. This guide explains what you can do as a guest or anonymous buyer - browse, preview, and purchase without creating an account.

Live site: <https://breakfreemedia.web.app> Help Center: <https://breakfreemedia.web.app/support>

1. Discover creators and products

What you can do: Browse books, music, and courses from independent creators.

How it works:

1. Open the homepage and choose Browse booksellers, or visit a direct storefront link: </authors?slug=YOUR-SLUG>.
2. Each storefront lists published books, music releases, and courses.
3. No account is required to browse.

2. Preview before you buy

What you can do: Sample content before paying.

How it works:

- Books: read a free Heyzine flipbook sample on the product page.
- Music: listen to a short preview clip.
- Courses: watch a preview video clip.

Product pages:

- Books -> </books?id=...>
- Music -> </music?id=...>
- Courses -> </courses?id=...>

3. Purchase a product

What you can do: Buy any published book, music release, or course using card, ETH, or USDC (when the seller has that payout method configured).

How it works - checkout fields:

1. Enter full name and email.
2. For books, set a book password (used on Heyzine after purchase).
3. Optionally set a library password to create or link a My Library account during checkout.

Pay by card (Stripe)

How it works:

1. Complete the secure Stripe payment form on the product page.
2. Backend creates a Connect payment intent (/createConnectPaymentIntent) and fulfills the order (/fulfillStripeOrder).
3. On success, open the book on Heyzine or sign in to My Library to stream music or watch courses.

Pay with ETH (Ethereum)

How it works:

1. Click Connect wallet & pay with ETH and approve the transaction in MetaMask (or compatible wallet).
2. Backend creates an escrow order (/createEthEscrowOrder) and verifies your deposit (/verifyEthDeposit).
3. Payment is held in a smart-contract escrow for the configured hold period (typically 48 hours).
4. You receive immediate access; the creator receives their share after release if no dispute is opened.

Pay with USDC (Polygon)

How it works: Same flow as ETH, using USDC on Polygon (/createUsdcEscrowOrder, /verifyUsdcDeposit).

Tip: Use a buyer email at checkout - not your author or admin login email - if you also want a My Library account.

4. Access what you bought

What you can do: Open books and (with My Library) stream music and watch courses.

How it works:

Without a My Library account

- Books: open the Heyzine flipbook and sign in with your checkout email and book password.
- Music and courses: purchases are tied to your email; register at My Library later with the same email to stream or watch.

With My Library

1. Go to My Library -> Register or Sign in (/library/register, /library/login).
2. Use the same email you used at checkout (or register during checkout with a library password).
3. Past paid orders link automatically when emails match.

5. Affiliate referral links

What you can do: Support a referrer when you buy through their link.

How it works:

- Visit a URL like /?ref=MEMBER123.
- The referral ID is stored in your browser and sent at checkout.
- Commission is applied automatically - you do not need to do anything extra.

6. Escrow, disputes, and refunds

What you can do: Protect yourself on crypto purchases.

How it works:

- Crypto payments sit in smart-contract escrow during the hold period.
- If there is a problem, eligible buyers can open a dispute from My Library before funds are released.
- Card refunds are handled by platform administrators through Stripe.

7. Need help?

Problem

Book access issues

Library account issues

Card payment failed

Music or course not playing

What to try

Confirm checkout email and book password on the

Use Forgot password at /library/forgot-password

Refresh and try again; ensure all checkout field

Register or sign in to My Library with your chec

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