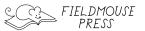
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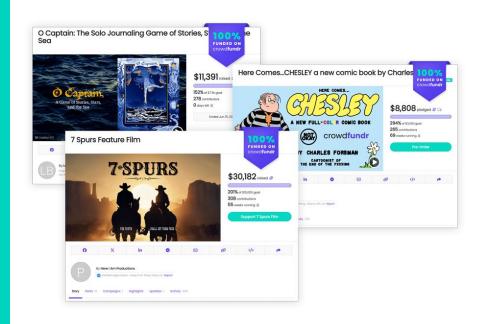
# Holiday-Proof Strategies for Indie Creators & Small Businesses Facing Tariffs & Tightening Budgets





# The creator-friendly crowdfunding platform

- Free crowdfunding
- Keep more of what you raise
- People and planet first
- Get started right away
- Any size campaigns









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# Agenda 45 mins + Q&A



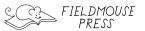
### Brandon (Part 1):

- Current & long-term tariff outlook
- Adopting a risk management mindset
- 3 strategies to keep tariffs down

#### Alex (Part 2):

- 3 strategic business shifts to navigate production challenges
- 3 tips on intentional marketing
- Holiday prep as an indie creator / small business





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# Current and Long-Term **Tariff Outlook**

Understanding the economic terrain as a creator



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# The Current State of Play

- US tariffs have been uncommon and low for the last decades.
- They are increasing quickly and being applied broadly.
- Tariffs costs may vary by 3 things:
  - The launch of your campaign
  - Manufacturing completion
  - Fulfillment



### Long-Term Outlook

- Tariffs are likely to stabilize and reach a new normal.
- Businesses will adapt and innovate.
- "Permission structure" for smaller businesses.



# Adopting a Risk Management Mindset

Shift your business strategy with confidence





Risk Management Mindset =
Proactive Flexibility in Planning & Execution

#### 3 ways to do this:

- Use online calculators like <u>SimplyDuty</u> and <u>Freightos</u>.
- Shift your mindset and stay flexible when making business decisions.
- Develop Plan A, B, and C to navigate the unpredictable nature of tariffs and market changes.



# 3 Strategies to Keep Tariffs Down

Logistics and fulfilment tips from an insider



## 3 Strategies to Keep Tariffs Down



#### **Nearshoring:**

Explore
 alternative
 locations aside
 from China, such
 as Vietnam or
 Mexico.

### **Diversify your product** line:

- Consider producing items with different HS codes.
- E.g. Produce an RPG book alongside your board game.

#### Hire a freight broker:

- Ensure all documentation and numbers are calculated correctly.
- Be aware of product inspections.
- Obtain a safety test (if applicable).





# Thank You



# Any questions?

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