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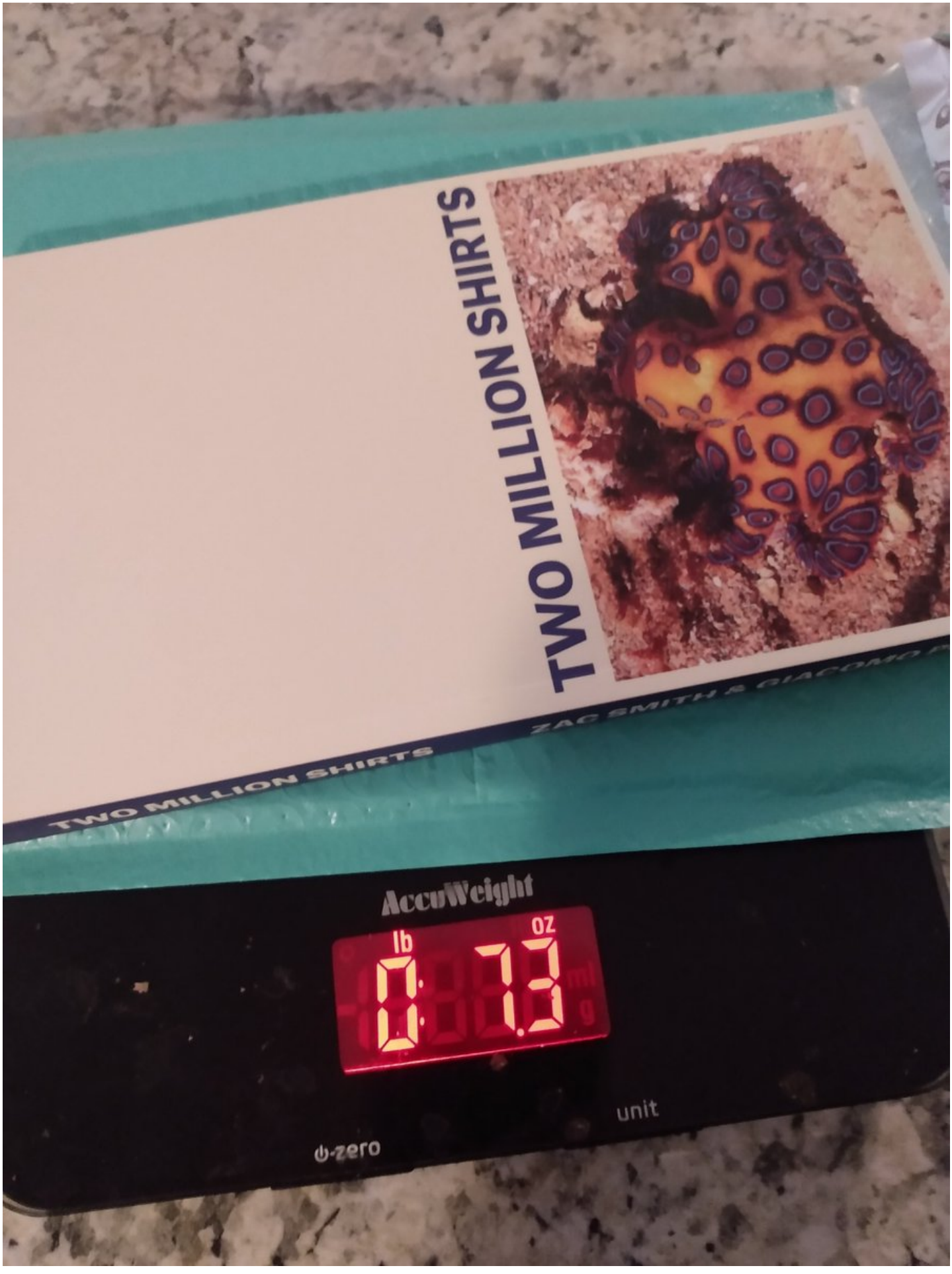
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## hi. zac here. this is a thread for people who make and sell indie books. i see a lot of people making the act of shipping books needlessly hard on themselves and i want help 1/x

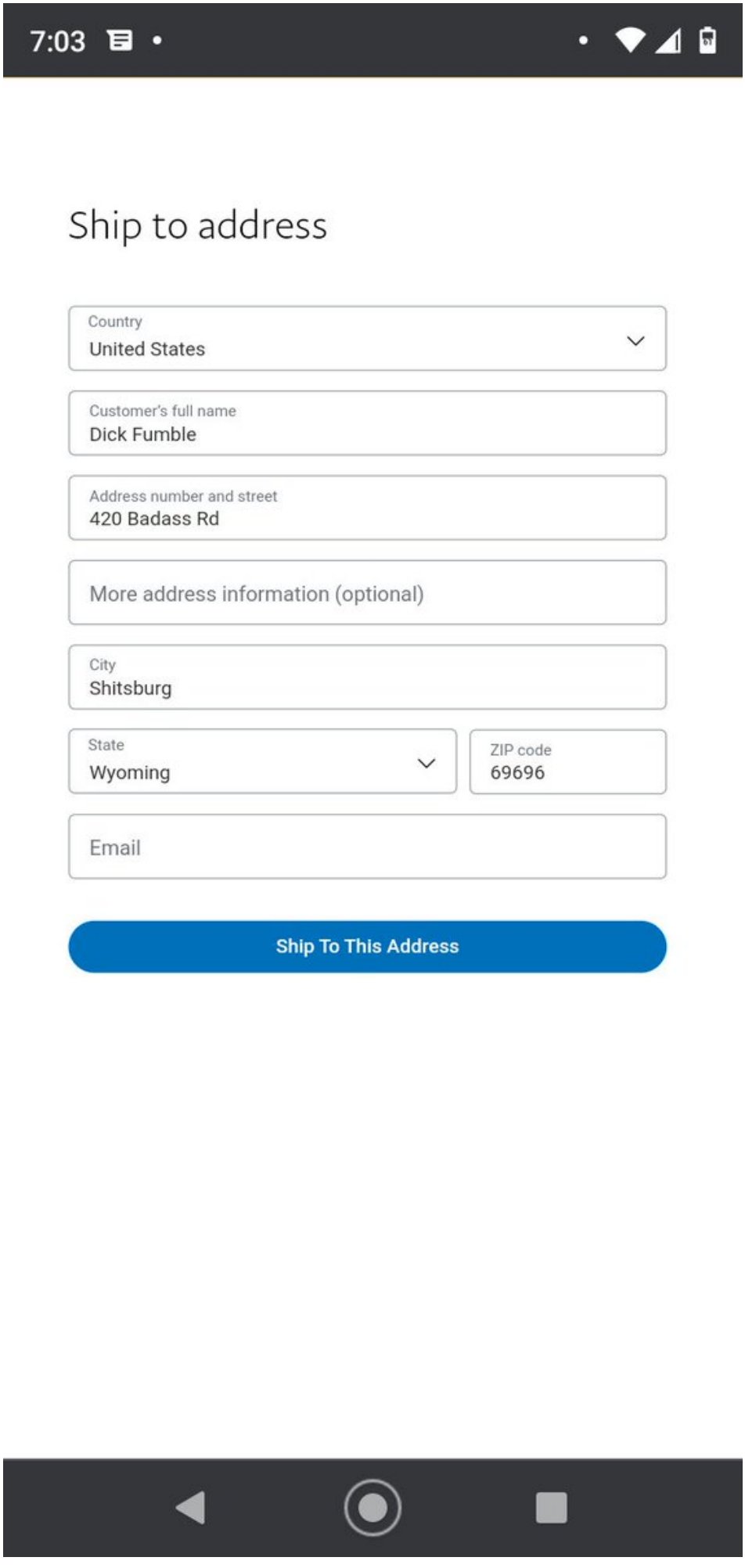
i just printed and shipped ~40 copies of a book i co-wrote with giacomo pope. before this, I'd shipped a few books one at a time. now here is my current, efficient method: 2/x

buy some cheap bubble mailers off the internet. like $15 for 50 mailers. they have little peel-away strips to seal them. our book was 4.5"x6.5" so i used 6x9 mailers. roomy but still sleek. could fit extra prizes in there too. 3/x

put your book in a mailer and weigh it on a coffee or drug scale, in ounces. a digital scale costs less than $10 online. i use one for coffee. our book in the mailer was 7.2oz. 4/x




here's the really useful bit. google how to print a shipping label from paypal. it's free, i mean, you just pay for the postage. you can do it through usps or ups, domestic or international. 5/x


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Ship to address
Country
United States
Customer's full name
Dick Fumble
Address number and street
420 Badass Rd
More address information (optional)
City
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you have to round up to the next ounce so our book in the mailer was 8oz. usps first class for a small package is ~$3.75 depending on where in the us you're shipping to. you pay via paypal and get a pdf label 6/x

next i screenshot the label so i can fit two labels per printed page -a worthwhile step when printing. my printer broke so i used the library. bc of covid, they offer 25 pages per day of free curbside printing. maybe yours does too, or something similar 7/x

cut out the labels and tape them to the mailers with packing tape. seal them. go to the post office. dickbag dejoy made them get rid of drop boxes that can accept packages so fuck him - you have to go in, but then just drop them off. no paying, no forms 8/x

i did two international (canada) shipments this way. you fill out the customs form via paypal and it includes that info in the final shipping label (u need to google like two code numbers for the form). you just have to sign it after, nothing else special 9/x

you get free tracking for first class mail. the paypal info will have a link. if you fucked up the weight, they'll ship it anyway and charge you the difference later. easy as shit. have fun! and stop hand writing addresses you freaks ■ /end

fyi i obviously think handwriting is fine for a few packages or if you enjoy it, but just seeing that EE is out there hand writing addresses for like 200 book orders is making my hands hurt

also cavin and i are happy to help anyone learn how to make books on their own. it's a lot of fun and easier than you think. feel free to email me or dm us or whatever