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Incapacity 11. If the Author dies or becomes incapacitated, the Publisher may withdraw from the Agreement or complete the Work with others, adjusting royalties accordingly.

Warranty 12. (a) The Author warrants originality, the right to enter this Agreement, no libelous material, and no infringement on rights. The Author shall hold the Publisher harmless against claims. 12. (b) If the Author is an entity, a guarantor will be bound by the Author's obligations.

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