

# BOOK COVER TEMPLATE INSTRUCTIONS

## OVERVIEW

The spine width of your book varies depending on the page count and paper color. The more pages you have in your book, the wider the spine will be. Please be sure that you have downloaded the proper template based on your total page count, trim size and paper color.

## ADOBE PHOTOSHOP (PSD) BOOK COVER TEMPLATE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Design your cover using the “Guides” layer to help you align your elements. Do not move the guides layer, as it is properly aligned for printing.
2. The red zone will be trimmed off. The blue zone is a buffer to account for normal variations in cutting. Design your artwork so that it goes all the way to the edge of the red zone, but don’t put any important items in either the red or blue zones. Doing this ensures that there will not be a white border when the book is cut.
3. Please ensure that you don’t place any important images or text in the ISBN barcode location. This area is shown in the template. Fill the area with your background color or design. Do not include a white box or move the location of the ISBN.
4. Once your design is complete, turn off the “Guides” layer. If you do not turn off the “Guides” layer, it will be printed as part of your cover.
5. Save your PSD file in case you need to make future changes.
6. Using the “Save As...” option under the “File” menu, save a copy of your design as a Photoshop PDF. Use high quality settings, embed fonts in the file, and “do not downsample” (If your version of Photoshop provides these options).
7. Upload the PDF file via your CreateSpace Member account.

## PNG BOOK COVER TEMPLATE INSTRUCTIONS

(FOR USE WITH A VARIETY OF IMAGE EDITING SOFTWARE, SUCH AS ADOBE PHOTOSHOP, MICROSOFT PAINT, ETC.)

1. Open the PNG Book Cover Template in your image editing software.
2. Create a new layer in your image editing software.
3. Design your cover using the template PNG as the guide layer. Do not move the guides layer, as it is properly aligned for printing.
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6. Once your design is complete, turn off the PNG guide layer. If you do not turn off the PNG guide layer, it will be printed as part of your cover.
7. Save your file in case you need to make future changes.
8. Export a PDF file. Depending on the program you are using, the feature to do this may be in the File menu under options such as “Save As...” or “Export.” Use high quality settings, embed fonts in the file, and “do not downsample” (If your software provides these options).
9. Upload the PDF via your CreateSpace Member account.