

Ready to print

Your book file checklist

You wrote the book. These checks get your files ready, so the copy you hold looks exactly like the one you pictured. If a few are new to you, don't worry: we check every page for you too, and explain anything that needs a fix in plain words.

Inside pages

- ☐ **One PDF, every page in order**
Include blank pages, and the title and copyright pages, exactly where they go in the book.
- ☐ **Page size is your trim size plus bleed**
Add 0.125 in on every edge. For a 6 x 9 in book that is 6.25 x 9.25 in; for 5.5 x 8.5 in it is 5.75 x 8.75 in.
- ☐ **Anything that touches the edge runs into the bleed**
Photos, color blocks and art that should reach the edge of the page extend past it by 0.125 in, so trimming never leaves a white sliver.
- ☐ **Text stays well inside the edges**
Keep words and page numbers at least 0.25 in inside the trim. We suggest about 0.5 in on the outside edges and a little more toward the spine, so nothing disappears into the binding.
- ☐ **Images are 300 DPI at the size they print**
A photo that looks sharp on screen can print soft. Check the resolution at its placed size, not the file's original size.
- ☐ **Every font is embedded**
Export as PDF/X, or choose "high quality print" and "embed all fonts" when you save the PDF.
- ☐ **The page count matches your order**
Count every page, blank ones too. If it changes, you can update your specs in one click on the file check.

Cover

- ☐ **One file: back, spine and front, side by side**
The full wrap, with 0.125 in of bleed around the outside (hardcover cases wrap further around the boards).
- ☐ **Start from your cover template**
Download it when you choose your specs. It is already the exact size for your page count, binding and spine width.
- ☐ **Keep spine text clear of the folds**
Center the title on the spine and leave a little room on each side. Very thin books may be too slim for spine text at all.
- ☐ **Front cover text stays inside the safe area**
Keep the title and your name at least 0.25 in from every edge and fold.

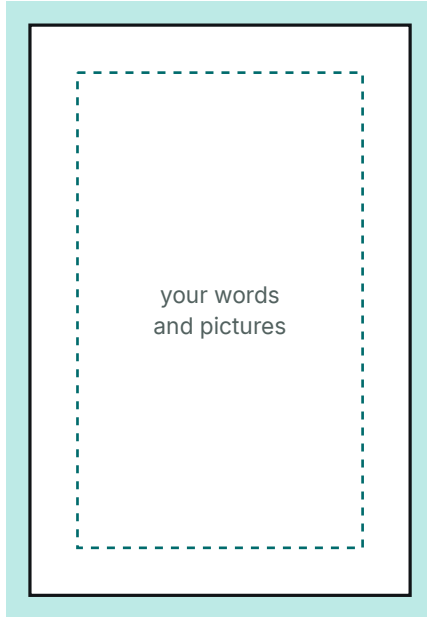
Color



CMYK is best, RGB is fine

Print uses CMYK ink. If you send RGB, we convert it for you, and very bright screen colors can print a little duller.

Bleed, trim and safe area at a glance



■ **Bleed** (0.125 in): extra art past the edge, trimmed off.

— **Trim line:** where the page is cut.

— **Safe area** (0.25 in inside the trim): keep text inside it.

When you upload, our previewer shows these lines on every page, so you can see it before anything prints.

What we check for you

The moment your files land, we check page size, bleed, the safe area, image resolution, page count, spine width, fonts and color. You get plain-language notes for anything worth a look, and our AI tools can often extend bleed and sharpen low resolution images. Nothing changes in your files without your approval.

Then you see a free digital proof of every page and your cover, exactly as they will print, before you pay a thing.

Ready when you are.

Upload your files at thehonestprint.com and we will check every page in about a minute. One honest price with shipping included, and a real person looking out for your book.