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Part 2 Preparing Your Manuscript for Publishing



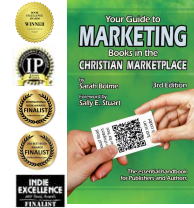
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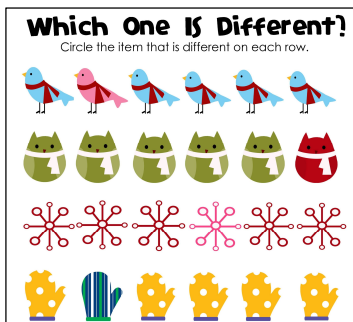
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"You can almost always tell which books were published by little publishing companies because they look different. The covers have a different shine about them (and generally there is something vaguely odd about the cover art), the book is sized differently from your average book, the paper is a different color, and the font is always slightly different."



Preparing Your Manuscript

In this seminar, you will learn:

- The Parts of a Manuscript
 - Front Matter
 - Content
 - Back or End Matter
- How to Polish Your Manuscript for Publication
 - Using Beta Readers
 - Editing
 - Proofreading
 - Interior Layout and Design



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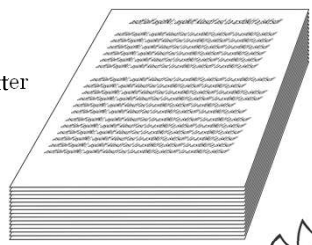

Parts of a Manuscript




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Manuscript Parts:

- Front Matter
- Body (Content)
- Back or End Matter

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Front Matter

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Front Matter:

- Endorsements / Praise for the Book
- Title Page *
- Copyright Page *
- Dedication Page
- Table of Contents
- Foreword
- Preface / Acknowledgements
- Introduction
- Prologue



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Endorsements / Praise Page(s):

- List lines from endorsements and pre-publication reviews for readers to view what others are saying about the book.

Industry Professionals Agree
This is the essential resource for publishers and authors!


"Full of resources for selling Christian books, *invaluably useful!*"
John Brown, Author
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"An absolute 'must have' for anyone involved in marketing Christian books, through the ground tips, tools, and techniques will prove useful for marketing to Christian books to sell!"
Jim Cox
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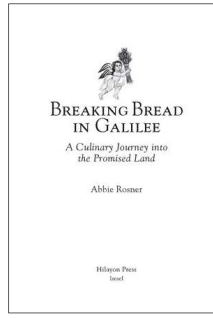

"Thanks again for the great book you wrote! It is very well written and easy to understand. The information is **gold!**"
Lorena Juhl
A&B Publishing



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Title Page:

- Title
- Subtitle
- Author
- Illustrator
- Publisher
- Publisher Locations
- ❖ Title type and design elements match front cover

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Copyright Page Contains:

- Declaration of Copyright
- Other Credits
- Copyright Acknowledgements
- Disclaimer
- ISBN Number
- LCCN or CIP Number
- Where Printed
- Edition Number
- Published By



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Copyright Page:

- Declaration of copyright
 - Who owns
 - Year of publication
 - Reservation of rights

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- ISBN Number
- LCCN or CIP Number

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Copyright Page:

- List Where Printed for Print Books
 - Printed in the United States of America*
- Edition Number
 - Represents the number of the edition and the printing—generally represented with a number, but can also be listed as “first edition” or “second edition”

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Dedication Page:

*To my wonderful husband, Edward,
 without whose continued loving support and
 encouragement this book would not exist.*



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Table of Contents:

- Included in nonfiction titles
- Not usually in fiction books
- ❖ Should not exceed two pages

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Foreword:

- Setup for the book, typically written by someone other than the author.

Preface / Acknowledgements:

- Explains the goal of the book, its development, and used by the author to thank those who contributed time and resources towards the effort of writing the book.
- Mostly used in nonfiction.



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Introduction

- Setup for the book's contents, generally by the author.
- Mostly used in nonfiction.

Prologue

- Prepares the reader for the story they're about to read with information that is necessary to have before the start of the novel itself.
- Mostly used in fiction.



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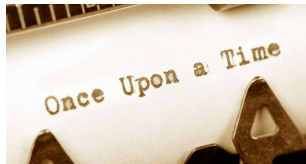
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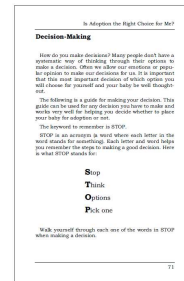
- Sections
- Chapters
- Epilogue



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Running Heads on the Interior

- Nonfiction Books
 - Left Hand Page: Title of Book or Section Title
 - Right Hand Page: Chapter Title
- Fiction Books
 - Title on one side
 - Author on other side



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Page Numbers

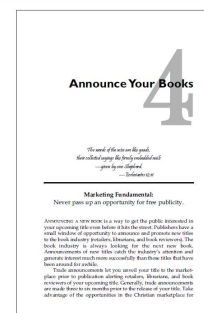
- Can be on top, bottom, or side margin of pages
- Front Matter
 - May or may not have page number listed
 - Some use Roman Numerals for page numbers
- Back or End Matter
 - Pages containing promotional text generally not numbered



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Chapters

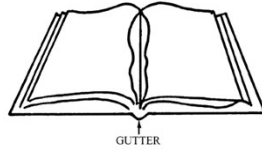
- Start Chapters on the Right-Hand Side
- Stylized Chapter Starts



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Margins:

- Plenty of Margin Space
 - At least .5 inches
- Plenty of Gutter Space



Page Count	Inside Margin
24 to 150 pages	.375"
151 to 300 pages	.5"
301 to 500 pages	.625"
501 to 700 pages	.75"
701 to 828 pages	.875"



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Watch for:

- Widows & Orphans

A WIDOW

This is some dummy copy. You're not really supposed to read dummy copy, it is just a place holder for people who need some type to visualize what the actual copy might look like if it were real content.

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AN ORPHAN

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Choosing a Font

- Easy to read, not too stylized or fancy
- At least 10pt font, no bigger than 12pt font
- Six common interior fonts:
 - Garamond
 - Gotham
 - Electra
 - Futura
 - Bembo
 - Minion



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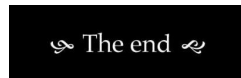
Back or End Matter



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Back or End Matter:

- Appendix
 - Resource
 - Further Readings
- Glossary
- Bibliography or Notes
- Index



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Back or End Matter:

- Study Guide / Discussion Questions
- Expanded Author Bio
- Connecting with Readers
- Promote Other or Upcoming Books



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Use the Back Pages of Your Book for Marketing Purposes:

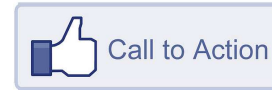
- Expanded Author Bio
 - Keep it short.
 - Start with a clever sentence.
 - Paint a picture.



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Use the Back Pages of Your Book for Marketing Purposes:

- Connecting with Readers
 - Include an invitation to read your blog
 - Include an invitation to sign up for your newsletter or mailing list
 - 82% of authors who do this see an increase in subscribers



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Use the Back Pages of Your Book for Marketing Purposes:

- Connecting with Readers
 - Invite them to follow you on social media
 - 73% of authors who do this see an increase in followers
 - Invite them to write a review of the book
 - 84% of authors who do this see an increase in reviews
 - Invite them to contact you with feedback



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Use the Back Pages of Your Book for Marketing Purposes:

- Promote Your Other Books
 - Include a free chapter of an existing or upcoming book
 - Don't have other books? Exchange space with another author writing to the same audience.



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Polish Your Manuscript



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1. Use Beta Readers



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What is a Beta Reader?

- A beta reader is a non-professional reader who reads a written work with the intent of
 - Improving grammar and spelling
 - Suggestions for improving the story, characters or setting.
- Beta reading is typically done before the book is released for public consumption.



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2. Get Your Manuscript Edited



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"However, what bothered me most about this book was the need for some serious editing. I find it quite difficult to take an author seriously who has not checked for spelling, grammar, word usage, and accurate Biblical quotes."



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Types of Editing:

- Developmental (Book Level)
- Substantive (Paragraph Level)
- Copy Editing (Sentence Level)
- Proofreading (Word Level)



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Types of Editing:

- Developmental (Book Level)
 - Fiction Books: Examines the plot and outline, checks pacing and subplots, and looks for gaps and inconsistencies.
 - Nonfiction Books: Examines the book's content, organization, and flow of information.



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Types of Editing:

- Substantive (Paragraph Level)
 - Comments on content, style, intelligibility, and structure within a page. This typically involves moving sentences and paragraphs around for a better conceptual flow.
 - Fiction Books: Checks for continuity.
 - Nonfiction Books: Checks facts to ensure accuracy.



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Types of Editing:

- Copy Editing (Sentence Level)
 - Looks at grammar, style, and clarity.
- Proofreading (Word Level)
 - Usually done after a manuscript is typeset in preparation for publishing.



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- Editing and Proofread Services
 - *Christian Writers Market Guide*
 - Reedsy - <https://reedsy.com>
 - Bibliocrunch - <http://bibliocrunch.com>
 - Christian Editor Connection - <https://christianeditor.com>



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3. Typeset Your Manuscript



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Determine What Size Your Book Will Be:

- Standard Trim Sizes
 - 5.5" x 8.5" and 6" x 9"
- Other Common Sizes
 - 5" x 8", 8" x 10", and 8.5" x 11"



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DIY Manuscript Typesetting Tools

- PressBooks - www.pressbooks.com
 - Choose from a variety of templates
 - \$99 for ebook and print plus cover design
- Reedsy - <https://reedsy.com/write-a-book>
 - Free Book Editor
- Book Design Templates - www.bookdesigntemplates.com
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Each of these services delivers print-ready files for POD such as CreateSpace and IngramSpark, as well as ebook files for ebookstores.



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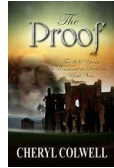
Hire a Professional Interior Book Designer

- Reedsy - <https://reedsy.com/write-a-book>
- CSPA Partner Members



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"Best Book I Ever Read... Well, let me tell you, don't underestimate small publishers. This is possibly my favorite book out of all the books that I have ever read."



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Remember:

- Your Christian book represents God to readers.
- Strive to have your book reflect His glory by being a quality product.



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Additional Resources:

