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Cover Creator

Our free Cover Creator helps you create and customize your eBook, paperback, or hardcover cover with a variety of layouts and fonts. Cover Creator uses the book details you enter during title setup and adds your book's ISBN to the [barcode area](#) on the back cover. Many Cover Creator templates allow you to choose an image from our image gallery or upload your own image.

Cover Creator accepts the following file types:

- JPG
- PNG
- TIF/TIFF

If Cover Creator doesn't meet your formatting needs, try our do-it-yourself guidelines and templates:

- [Create an eBook Cover](#)
- [Create a Paperback Cover](#)
- [Hardcover Cover Formatting](#)
- [Paperback and hardcover cover templates](#)

For ideas and tips from other authors, visit the [KDP Community](#).

Note: Cover Creator does not support Japanese, Hebrew, and Yiddish.

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Introduction to KDP Cover Creator

Video: Introduction to Cover Creator

Supported languages by book format

Cover Creator is supported in [these languages](#) except for the following languages, book type and KDP account.

Book format	Kdp.amazon.com	Kdp.amazon.co.jp
eBook	Japanese, Polish, and Ukrainian is not	Cover Creator is not supported.
Paperback	Japanese, Hebrew, and Yiddish are not	Japanese, Hebrew, and Yiddish are not
Hardcover	Hebrew and Yiddish are not supported.	Hardcover is not supported.

Before you launch Cover Creator

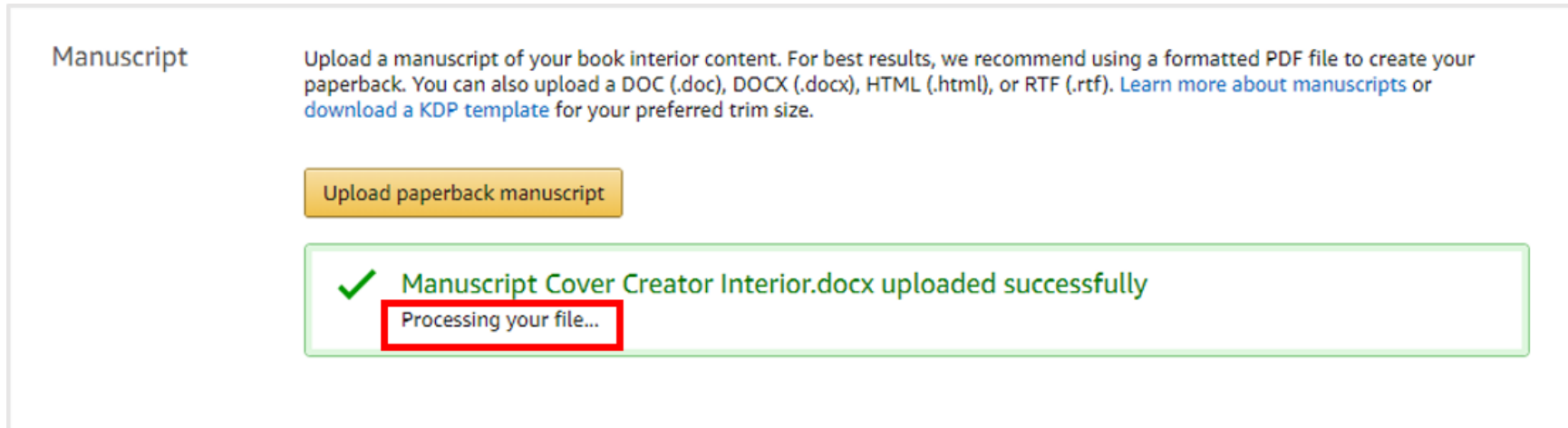
Enter paperback or hardcover details

Make sure you have entered the title, subtitle, author name, and series information on the **Paperback Details** or **Hardcover Details** tab. Cover Creator will use these details to generate your cover.

To provide the best customer experience, please follow our [Metadata Guidelines](#).

Upload interior manuscript and wait for it to process

The spine width of your cover depends on the page count of your interior file, so make sure you have uploaded your interior file, and it has finished processing, before you launch Cover Creator. If you launch Cover Creator before your interior file is processed, the default setting for Cover Creator won't match your interior file. This can result in issues with your spine width and text. To avoid this issue, wait until the message “**Processing your file...**” is gone before launching Cover Creator.



The screenshot shows a user interface for uploading a manuscript. On the left, the word "Manuscript" is displayed. To its right, there is a block of text explaining the upload process and supported file formats. Below this text is a yellow button labeled "Upload paperback manuscript". Underneath the button is a green-bordered notification box. The notification box contains a green checkmark icon, followed by the text "Manuscript Cover Creator Interior.docx uploaded successfully". Below this text, the phrase "Processing your file..." is enclosed in a red rectangular box, indicating the current status of the upload.

Manuscript

Upload a manuscript of your book interior content. For best results, we recommend using a formatted PDF file to create your paperback. You can also upload a DOC (.doc), DOCX (.docx), HTML (.html), or RTF (.rtf). [Learn more about manuscripts](#) or [download a KDP template](#) for your preferred trim size.

Upload paperback manuscript

✓ Manuscript Cover Creator Interior.docx uploaded successfully

Processing your file...

How to use Cover Creator to create your paperback cover

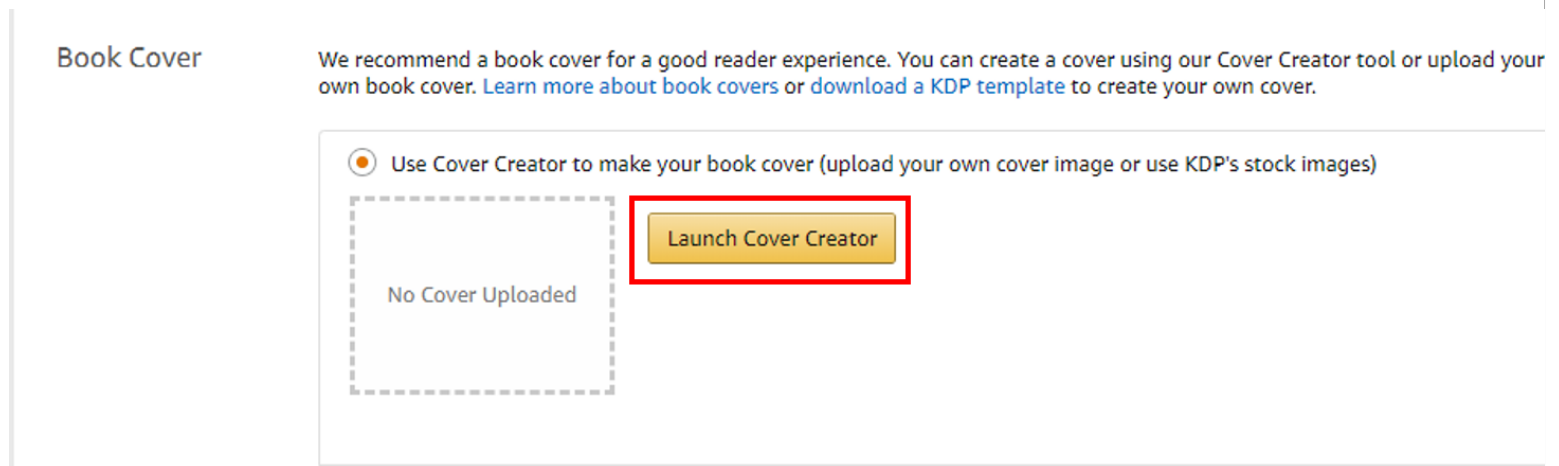
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Launch Cover Creator

Note: we recommend using Firefox or Chrome for the best experience using Cover Creator.

To use the tool, you need to have created a title on your Bookshelf. If you've created a title, follow the steps below to launch Cover Creator.

1. Go to your [Bookshelf](#) and find the title for which you want to create a cover.
2. Click the ellipsis button (...) under the Paperback Actions or Hardcover Actions menu and then click **Edit Paperback Content** or **Edit Hardcover Content**.
3. On the **Content** tab, scroll down to the **Book Cover** section and click **Launch Cover Creator**.



Note: If you have trouble launching Cover Creator, try clearing the cache in your web browser. For

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Get images for your cover

You can choose an image from our image gallery or from your computer. When uploading your own images:

- They have a minimum resolution of 300 DPI (dots per inch)
- All text is legible and isn't cut off or overlapped by other elements
- The text color is different from your background color so the text is legible
- The file uploaded is an image file (.jpg/.jpeg, .tif/.tiff, .png)

Visit [Format Images in Your Book](#) for more information on meeting the minimum resolution of 300 DPI.

How to edit or change your cover image

If you want to edit your cover image or choose a new cover image, click anywhere on the cover, except where the **Edit cover image** will appear on the right with options to choose a new image or change the current image.

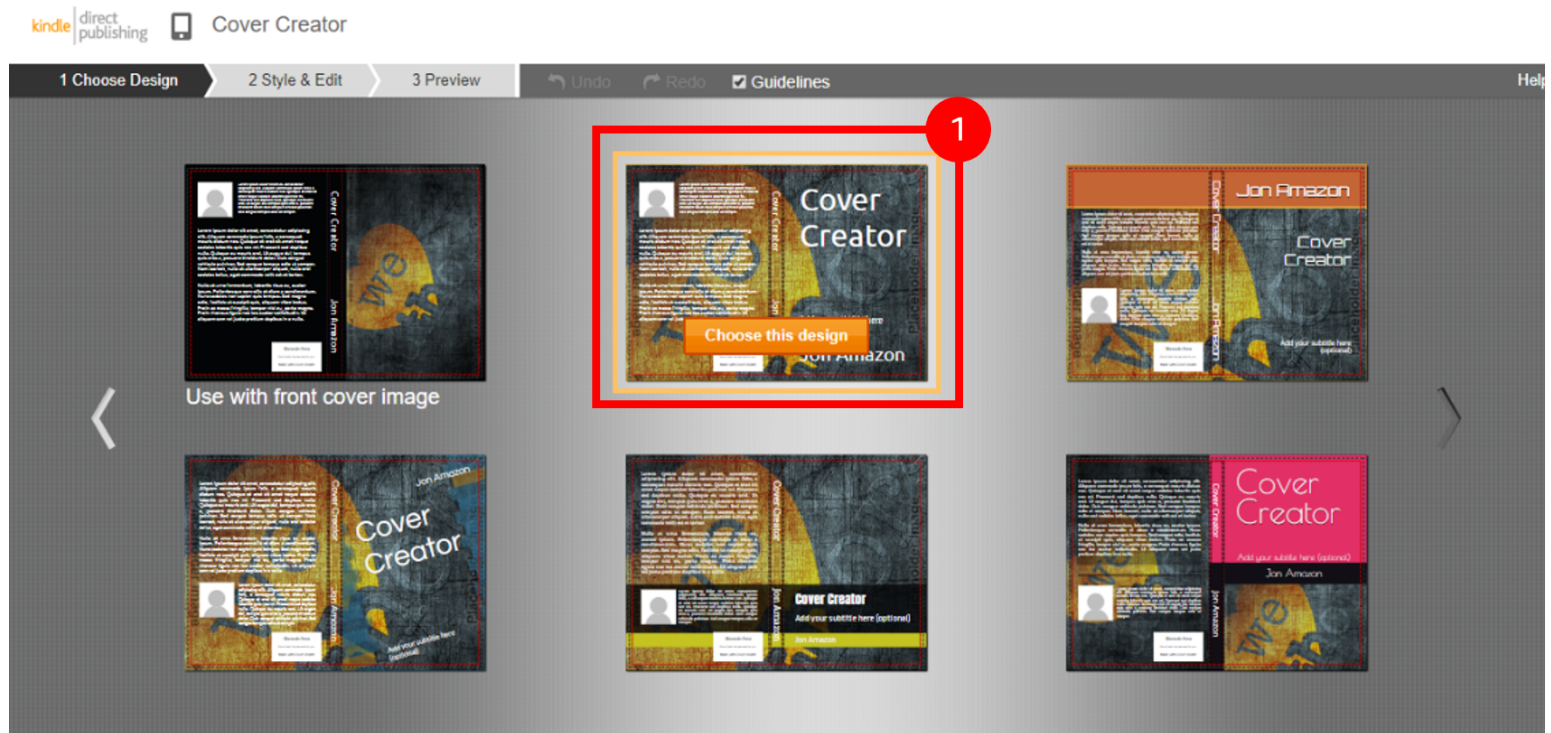
Please ensure any images intended to bleed extend all the way to the edges. [Learn more about bleed.](#)

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Pick a template, and then pick a design layout

Cover creator lets you choose a template that broadly matches your needs and then refine your choice by selecting a layout within that template.

1. Choose a template by hovering over the image of the template you want to use and click **Choose this design**. The template will open in a Cover Creator.
- 2.
- 3.



- 4.
5. On the bottom left of the cover, click **Choose layout**
- 6.

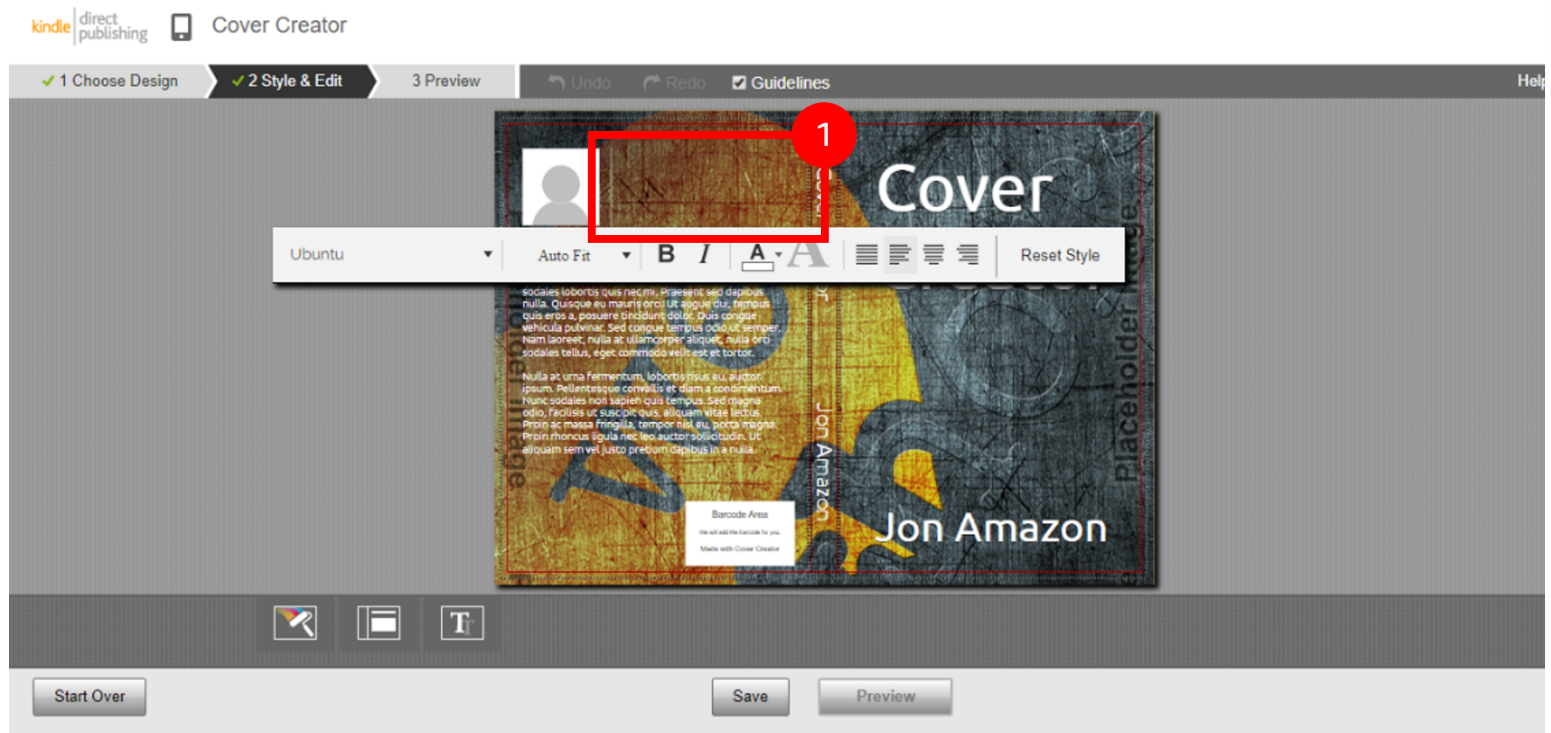
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Replace the placeholder text on the back cover (title description and author bio)

1. Click once in the text box. The text will disappear and a cursor will appear in addition to a box with text formatting options.

Note: if you click out of the text box without typing or pasting your text, the placeholder text will disappear. To reactivate the text box click where the text box should be and either type or paste your text.

- 2.
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- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Paste or type your text in the text box

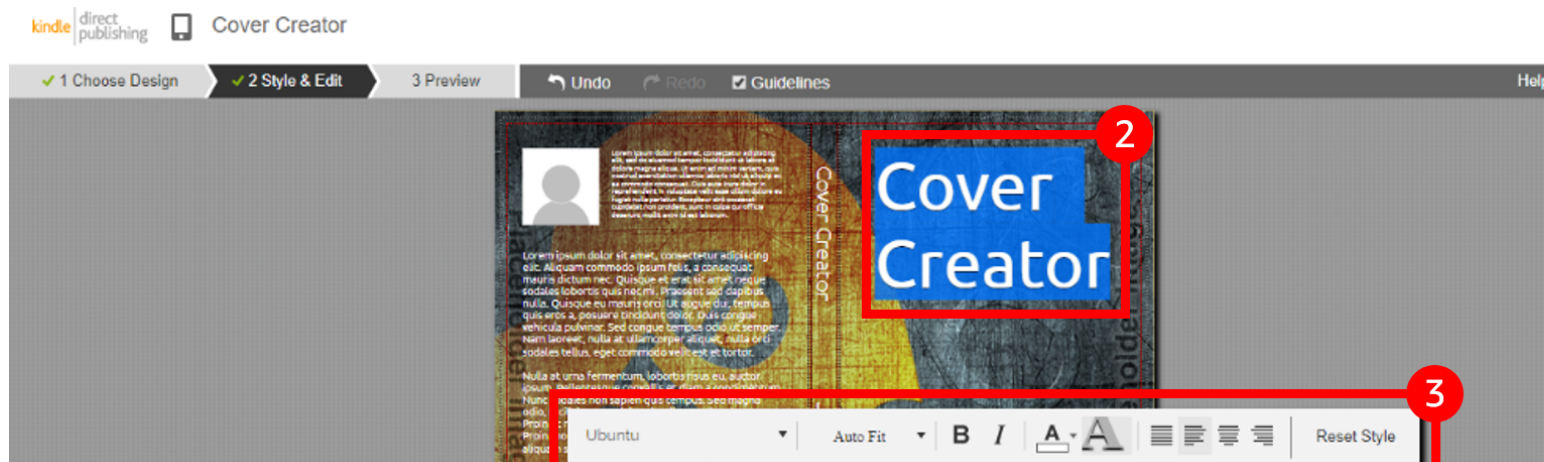
Format your text: when you click on a text box, a long formatting options box will appear

5 Format text on your spine and front cover

The title and author name on the front cover and spine will auto-populate based on what you entered in your book details, but you can change the style. By default the text will be set to autofit with a drop shadow.

To format your text:

1. Click on the text box. The formatting bar will appear.
2. Highlight the text that you want to style, or right click in the text box once the cursor appears and click **Select all**.
3. Using the formatting bar, make changes to the font, size, bold, italics, color, shadow, and alignment. You can always go back to the template style using the "Reset Style" button on the right of the formatting bar.
- 4.
5. **Note:** The minimum page count required to include text on the spine is 80 pages. The minimum font size for covers is 7pt. For books between 80–130 pages, the autofit feature in Cover Creator may render your font size smaller than 7pt. If the font size rendered using autofit is smaller than 7pt, the spine text is removed from your cover.
- 6.



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Upload author photo

To upload your author photo:

1. Click on the placeholder image. A pop-up will open.
2. Click **From my computer** and upload your author photo.

Note: If you'd prefer not to have an author photo, no photo is needed in order to proceed forward. Simply leaving the placeholder that appears will not block you from proceeding.

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Preview your cover in Cover Creator

At the bottom of the page, click the **Save** button followed by the **Preview** button. Make sure that your cover **submit**.

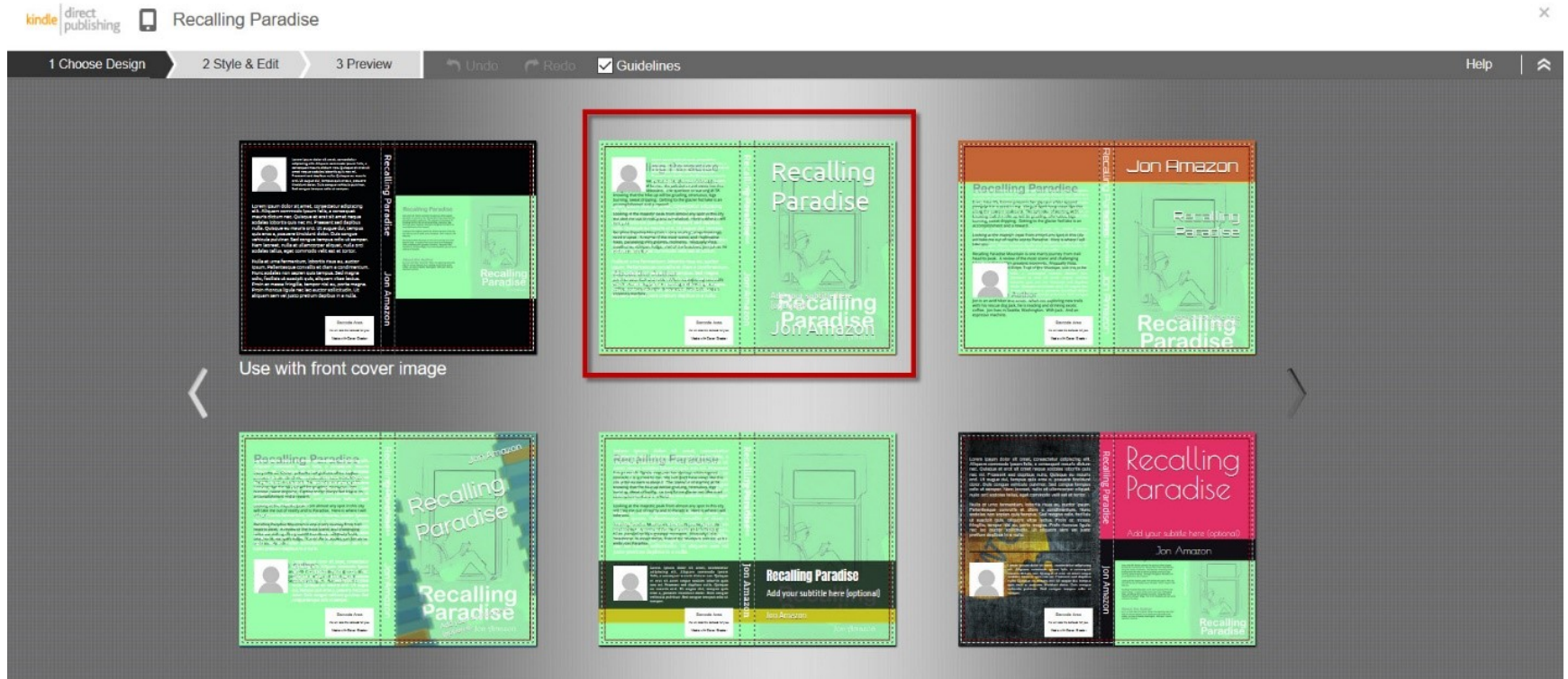
If you want to make more changes to your cover, click **Style & Edit** in the top left corner to go back and co

How to use Cover Creator to submit a fully formatted JPEG cover

To upload your fully formatted JPEG paperback cover file:

1. Go to your [Bookshelf](#).
2. Click the ellipsis button (...) under the Paperback or Hardcover Actions menu and then click **Edit Paperback Content** or **Edit Hardcover Content**.
3. Scroll down to **Book Cover** and click **Launch Cover Creator**.
4. On the **Get images for your cover** window, select **From My Computer** and upload your JPEG cover file and click **Next**.
5. Choose the second design from the left on the top row. This design accommodates a full wrap image. It also includes filler text, which you will remove next.

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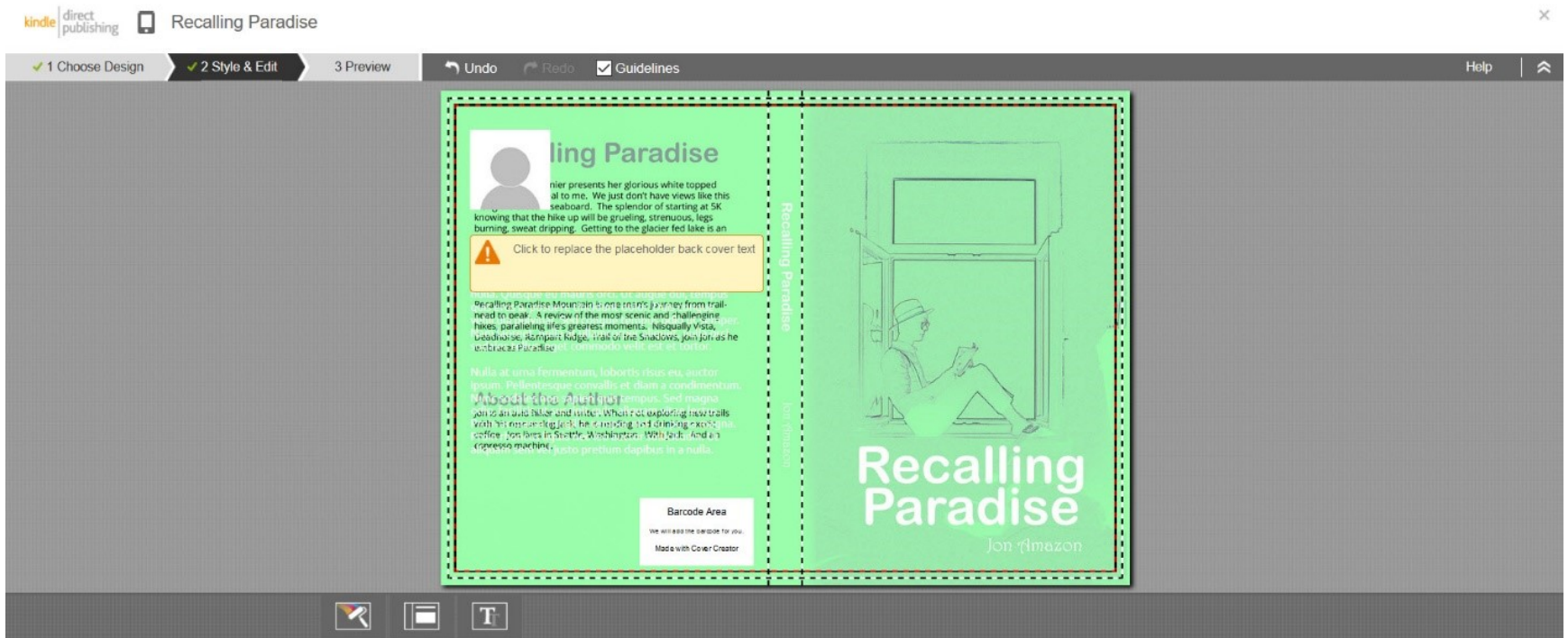
9. Click **Choose this Design** to customize your cover.

Note: All covers have bleed. Please ensure all images intended to reach all the way to the edges when produced extend past the edge of the trim line by 0.125" (3.2 mm). [Learn more about bleed.](#)

10. Click each text box and the placeholder text will disappear.

Note: The author photo placeholder will disappear if you don't upload an image.

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- 13.
14. Click **Preview** to proof your work. The empty text box fields will not be visible on the final cover file.
15. Click **Save and Submit**.
- 16.

17.

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Recalling Paradise

Every time Mt. Rainier presents her glorious white topped pinnacle it is surreal to me. We just don't have views like this along the eastern seaboard. The splendor of starting at 5K knowing that the hike up will be grueling, strenuous, legs burning, sweat dripping. Getting to the glacier fed lake is an accomplishment and a reward.

Looking at the majestic peak from almost any spot in this city will take me out of reality and to Paradise. Here is where I will take you.

Recalling Paradise Mountain is one man's journey from trail-head to peak. A review of the most scenic and challenging hikes, paralleling life's greatest moments. Nisqually Vista, Deadhorse, Rampart Ridge, Trail of the Shadows, join Jon as he embraces Paradise.

About the Author

Jon is an avid hiker and writer. When not exploring new trails with his rescue dog Jack, he is reading and drinking exotic coffee. Jon lives in Seattle, Washington. With Jack. And an espresso machine.

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Start Over | Save & Submit

Troubleshooting

Back cover text and images

Placeholder text

When creating a new cover file in Cover Creator there are two text fields on the back cover (Title description and author bio). These fields are filled with placeholder text to allow you to see how the text flows in the template before selecting it. When you click this text, the text disappears and a large blinking cursor appears. If you click outside of this text box at this point, the placeholder text will not reappear. You will need to click in the location of the text box to reactivate it and then paste or type your text. If you don't see a cursor after clicking the location of the text box, just type or paste and your text will appear. If you're unable to edit text, you may need to try another browser. We recommend using Chrome or Firefox.

Lines and spacing

When editing text in the description and author bio section you might decide to set the line length, ensuring each line fits in our desired format. If this is the case you will need to set the font to a specific size and then enter a soft return at the end of each line. To do this, hold the shift key when entering a return. This will take the text to the next line without adding empty characters at the end of each sentence.

Tip: Hard return versus soft return

- Hard return: When a paragraph ends and a new one begins, you use the **Enter** key. This will place the next sentence down with slightly more space in between lines to indicate a new paragraph.
- Soft return: When you want the line to break at a particular point but not create a new paragraph, hold down the **Shift** key down while you press **Enter**. This breaks a sentence across two lines without the additional spacing of a new paragraph.

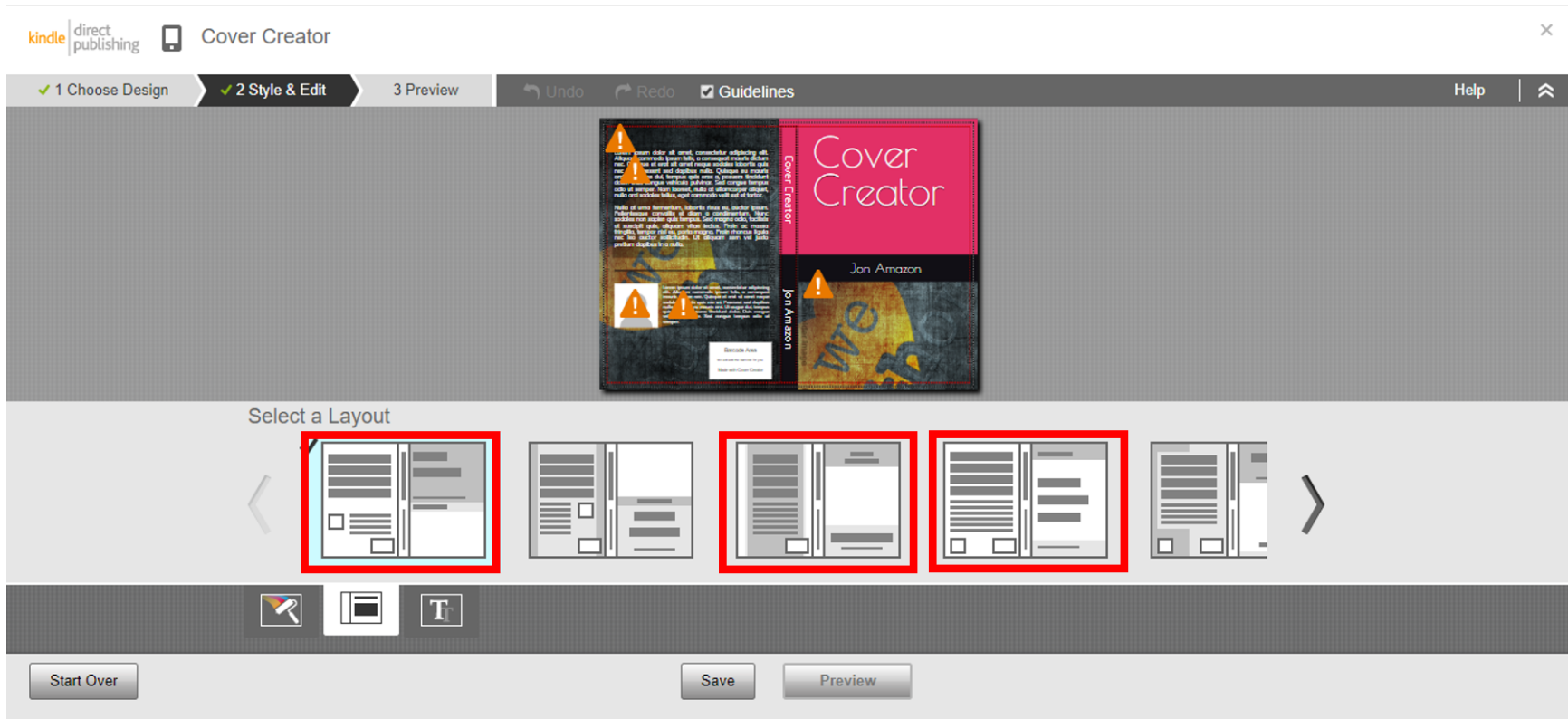
Back-cover images

- Author photo: Please see the Upload author photo section above.
- Back-cover featured image: We have one template that allows for a separate back-cover featured image in addition to the author photo. The template and layout options to do this are labeled in the screenshots below.



Use with front cover image





Front cover and spine text

Shifting spine text

Cover Creator was designed to create a cover that is sized correctly for your interior. This is done by calculating the size of your cover from: the paper type (white/cream) chosen, how it is printed (color/black and white), and how many pages are in the interior. If Cover Creator is launched before the interior file has processed, the correct calculation cannot be made. This results in text boxes shifting in the preview section of Cover Creator. If

this should occur please move into the Print Previewer. If this error still shows in Print Previewer, please contact us.

Warning triangles

When creating your cover in Cover Creator the tool has a way of checking the elements you upload to ensure the best quality possible can be produced. Some of these triangles are warnings that will prevent you from submitting your cover (blockers) and others won't (warnings).

Note: The triangles look the same regardless of whether they are a warning or a blocker.

Warnings: You can proceed with the following warnings

- Low DPI (any image under 300 DPI)
- Replace placeholder image for author photo

Blockers: These warnings will prevent you from proceeding

- Replace placeholder text: must either be deleted or replaced
- Replace primary cover placeholder image: either select an image from the gallery or upload your own image
- Choose a smaller size font: text must fit in the available text box

Dotted lines in Cover Creator

A. The outer edge is the edge of your cover file

B. The white dotted line represents the trim line. This is where your publication will be cut to size. In the spine area, the white dotted line represents the edge of the spine.

C. The red dotted red line is the margin. All text will need to remain within this line.



Can I download Cover Creator and the cover I design in the tool?

Cover Creator and covers made using stock images available in the Cover Creator tool cannot be downloaded for use outside the KDP website.

Did you use Cover Creator on CreateSpace?

CreateSpace Cover Creator designs aren't compatible with Cover Creator on KDP. If you want to update your cover after it moves to KDP, you need to design a new one using KDP's Cover Creator. You can also use our [templates](#).

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