



Early Reader Book Planning Guide

Theme:	
Setting	
Characters	
Sight Words: Choose no more than 3	
Book Content: Easy to follow story, simple pattern, type of images (clipart, photos, drawings, etc.)	
Story Focus / Purpose	
Pattern	
Images (8 – 9 images) Photographs, stock photos (not free), artist created	
Book Interior Layout: Use black letters on white background. Words on the left and images on the right. No more than 16 - 18 pages.	
Length: 24 – 32 pages 24 is ideal for younger readers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title page • Copyright page • Blank • Brief story introduction • 16 - 18 pages of story • Words on left • Images on the right • Blank • The End • Blank • Questions for discussion

Book Cover: Use cover creator on Kindle Direct Publishing (Free) You will need to know book size, and the number of pages of your manuscript.

Book size:

8.5 x 8.5 (most popular)

8 x 6 fit small hands well

Follow guidelines found in Kindle Direct Publishing

https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G201834190

Story:

Set up an account at Kindle Direct Publishing: https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/

Create a manuscript.

- Use MS Word or word processor
- Have the manuscript edited
- Choose images and insert into manuscript. Images should be 300 dpi or higher for quality printing.
- Create PDF version to upload.
- Use ISBN issued by Kindle Direct Publishing (free) or purchase one from Bowker (\$189)

Resources

Book templates (Choose one that matches Amazon.)

https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G201834230#template

Creative Frabrica for images and backgrounds (membership \$20 per month):

https://www.creativefabrica.com/ref/237014/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA64GRBhCZARIsAHOLriKfk7SczOD1_w83x-Njv49lqnXv2406l_I1LXOTCKEA2MzkOJsui0YaAuxPEALw_wcB