

# Making Your Self-Published Book Look Good

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## Stock imagery:

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### General stock:

- DepositPhotos <https://depositphotos.com/>
- iStockPhoto <https://www.istockphoto.com/>
- Shutterstock <https://www.shutterstock.com/>
- 123RF <https://www.123rf.com/>
- Adobe <https://stock.adobe.com/>
- Dreamstime <https://www.dreamstime.com/>

### Book cover specific stock:

- Neostock (genre costume and contemporary models, 3D renders of people/objects, special effects, design tutorials) <https://www.neo-stock.com/>
- Bewitching Book Stock (genre costume and contemporary models, 3D renders of people/objects) <https://www.bewitchingbookstock.com/>
- Stocklarium <https://www.stocklarium.com/>
- The Illustrated Romance (romance focus, but also solo models in various costumes/clothing) <https://illustratedromance.com/stock-images/>
- Period Images (romance focus, but also solo models in various costumes/clothing) <https://www.periodimages.com/> Vikkas Zone (romance specific) <http://www.vikkaszone.com/stock-images.html>

## Software:

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- Canva <https://www.canva.com/>
- Affinity Photo <https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/photo/>

- Adobe Photoshop <https://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop.html>
- Adobe Creative Cloud <https://www.adobe.com/creativecloud.html>

## Print Cover Template Generators:

- Amazon KDP [https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/cover-templates](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/cover-templates)
- IngramSpark  
<https://myaccount.ingramspark.com/Portal/Tools/CoverTemplateGenerator>

## ISBN purchasing:

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- Bowker: <http://bowker.com>

## Premade Book Covers:

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- [TheBookCoverDesigner.com](http://TheBookCoverDesigner.com) - Work directly with the designer after purchase to customize the cover. Wide variety of covers and artists.
- [BookCoverZone.com](http://BookCoverZone.com) - Alter text yourself, additional customization is available as purchase upgrades, as are marketing images. High quality covers, very small pool of designers. Offers custom covers as well.
- [SelfPubBookCovers.com](http://SelfPubBookCovers.com) - Alter the text yourself with limited options in the appearance. Lower quality and the interface can be glitchy.
- [GoOnWrite.com](http://GoOnWrite.com) - single designer, wide range of genres, direct communication with designer to make changes, lots of optional add-ons for extra fees
- [TheCoverCollection.com](http://TheCoverCollection.com) - specific team of designers; only romance, fantasy, thrillers, horror, and sci-fi offerings; additional add-ons available; multiple rounds of edits offered

## Marketing image resources:

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- 3D Book Cover mockups: <https://diybookcovers.com/3Dmockups/>
- 3D Book Cover/Boxed Sets Photoshop templates <https://covervault.com/>
- BookBrush (marketing images, cover templates, limited free templates/image creation) (may require subscription to access certain features) <https://bookbrush.com/>

- Canva <https://www.canva.com/>
- Shutterstock Editor <https://www.shutterstock.com/editor>

## Interior Design Links

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### Scribus

- Scribus Homepage: <https://www.scribus.net/>
- Preparing Your Book For Print with Scribus:  
<https://onebookshelfpublisherservice.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360022742353-Preparing-Your-Book-For-Print-with-Scribus>

### Affinity Publisher

- Affinity Publisher Homepage: <https://affinity.serif.com/en-gb/publisher/>
- Affinity Publisher Documentation  
<https://affinity.help/publisher/English.lproj/index.html>
- Serrif's Affinity Publisher for desktop tutorials:  
<https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/tutorials/publisher/desktop/>
- Self Publishing With Affinity Publisher: How to Create A Great Looking Book: <https://robert-chalmers.uk/self-publishing-with-affinity-publisher-how-to-create-a-great-looking-book/>

### Indesign

- Indesign Homepage: <https://www.adobe.com/products/indesign.html>

### Sigil

- Sigil Homepage: <https://sigil-ebook.com/>

### Fonts

- Google Fonts: <https://fonts.google.com/>

### Miscellaneous Resources

- Reedsy Book Editor: <https://reedsy.com/write-a-book>

- Draft2Digital: <https://draft2digital.com/>
- Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) Help: [https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/help/topic/G200635650](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G200635650)
- How to Format a Book: <https://blog.reedsy.com/how-to-format-a-book/>
- Book Design 101 Course: <https://blog.reedsy.com/learning/courses/design/book-design-101/>
- 10 Typesetting Rules for Indie Authors: <https://selfpublishingadvice.org/10-typesetting-rules-for-indie-authors/>

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