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Xlibris Black & White Publishing Submission How-To's

How to format and submit your manuscript for Xlibris

Please follow these submission guidelines to ensure a quick and efficient publishing process.

Manuscript Formatting

- We need your manuscript as a single word processing document either created with Microsoft Word (.doc) or saved as a Rich Text Format (.rtf) file.

If your manuscript is not in electronic file format but is available as a hard copy, Xlibris can type your book for you. The Data Entry Service is available for ~ 2.00 per page.

- Your book needs to be between 10,000 and 300,000 words. Please speak to an Xlibris consultant to discuss manuscripts that are shorter or longer than this.
- We prefer:
 - ✓ Times New Roman or Garamond typeface
 - ✓ Use the ENTER key to advance to the next line or start a new paragraph (avoid using the SPACEBAR)
 - ✓ Ctrl + Enter keys to begin a chapter at the top of the next page
 - ✓ Paragraphs indented with a single 0.5" tab (not the space bar)
 - ✓ Triangular pointers to indent the first line of the paragraph
 - ✓ Auto-formatted footnotes, headers/footers or page numbering

Interior Formatting

- Xlibris may need to evaluate your manuscript and recommend the service level required to execute your manuscript.
- Manuscripts that require extensive text formatting can usually be published with the Custom, Premium, Executive or Platinum Packages, depending upon the type and extent of the formatting involved. Extensive formatting includes:
 - ✓ Use of subheaders
 - ✓ Screenplay format
 - ✓ End notes
 - ✓ Repeated indented quotations

- We recommend that plays, screenplays, and cookbooks be published with either the Custom, Premium, Executive, or Platinum packages
- We recommend that encyclopaedias, dictionaries, how-to books, workbooks, etc., that require highly page-specific formatting such as columns, text boxes, or sidebars be published with the Premium, Executive, or Platinum packages

Graphics Formatting

- All graphics or images should have a resolution of at least 300 dpi file format for best reproduction. This includes photos, charts, diagrams, drawings and anything else that is not text.
- Images are saved as TIFF (.tif) or JPEG files, in CMYK colour mode and at actual size.
- You may submit hard copy photographs and original images (except slides or sketches). Xlibris can scan up to a size of 12" x 17".
- Interior graphics are produced in black and white (or greyscale) unless you are producing a [Full-Colour Published book](#).
- There are no embedded (pasted) images in your manuscript. Save all image files as separate files (e.g. Image1.tif, Image2.jpg, etc.).
- Please place a marker in your text to let us know exactly where an image should be placed (e.g. <Insert Image1.tif here>). Please use the right filename for easy reference.
- The number of allotted interior images and/or tables varies depending on your publishing package. If you need to add additional graphics to your book, there is a fee of \$20.00 per image or \$30.00 per table.
- You may submit the following images:
 - ✓ Cover Images – to be placed on the front cover of the book.
 - ✓ Cover Design – photo or illustration file for your book cover.
 - ✓ Author Image – to be placed on the back cover of the book (*optional*).
 - ✓ Interior Images – to be included in the manuscript.

Things to avoid when formatting:

- Columns in your text. Xlibris offers a professional and standard book layout. If you insert columns in your work, you risk corrupting the layout of your book's text.
- Underlined text. Where possible, replace underlined text with italicized text.
- Footnotes. If you need to cite your work, use in-text citations or endnotes (at the end of chapters or at the end of the entire text).
- Pictures inserted into your manuscript file.
- Wingdings, symbolic bullets or characters unavailable within the normal character set (this includes symbols of any kind). If you want to bullet any part of your text, do so with standard bullets.
- Traditional manuscript format (i.e., your name and the page number on every page).
- Manuscripts that are written in foreign languages or those that contain hate speech, pornography or material that infringes upon another's legal rights.

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