

Quality Check

Print Previewer found issues you'll need to fix before you can submit your book for publication. Please review what Previewer found, revise your original file, and upload the revised file to KDP. After you submit your book for publication, we'll manually check it to ensure it meets our quality standards. [See this list of common file rejection reasons.](#)

ERROR

If your book has errors, it won't meet our quality standards. To publish your book, you will need to fix the errors.

Your expected cover size is 13.083x9.250 but the submitted file size is 12.993x9.250. [Learn how to fix common cover issues.](#)

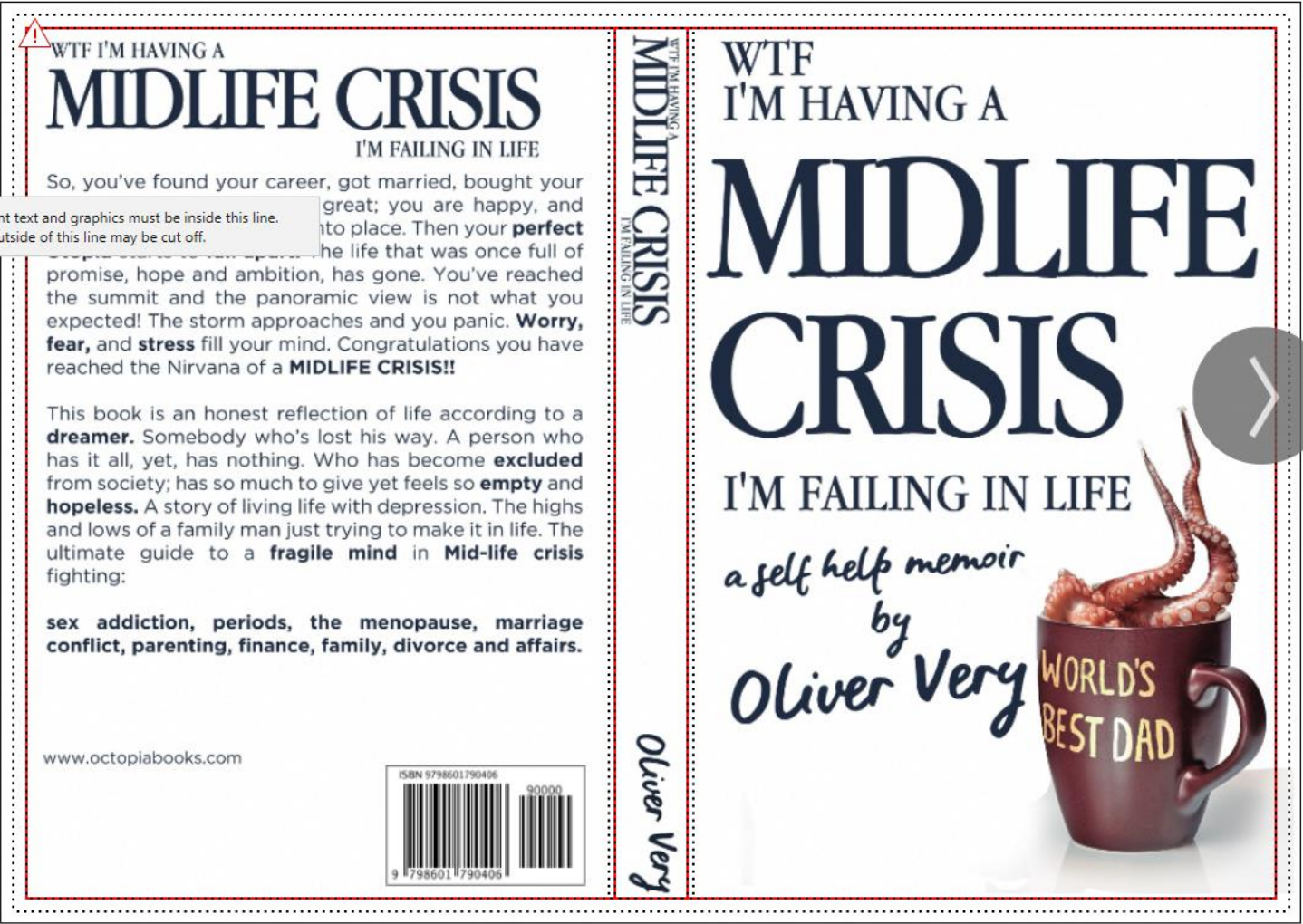
Cover

Insufficient gutter. Books with with 333 pages require at least 0.625" for the gutter (inside margin) and at least .25" for the outside, top and bottom margins. [Learn how to change the margins in your original file.](#)

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PLEASE CHECK

Checks can help you find and fix issues that cause books to be rejected during our manual quality review. Review the



Two Page View

Thumbnail View

Page Range:

Cover

/ 333

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Exit Print Previewer

Approve

1. Open your original file.
2. Update your text size, position, or color to ensure it's legible.
3. Upload the the revised file to KDP.

~ Video: [Illegible text](#)

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### Cover and spine text

Cover file has more than one page

1. Open your original file.
2. Make sure your cover, including the front cover, spine, and back cover, fit on one page.
3. Resubmit the revised file.

Book has fewer than 100 pages and can't have text on the spine

1. Open your original file.
2. Remove the spine text.
3. Resubmit the revised file.

Learn more about [cover formatting requirements](#).

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### Cover size

Your cover file should be a PDF sized sized with bleed and no surrounding white space or crop marks. If the file is sized at dimensions other than those expected, Print Previewer will note the discrepancy and prevent approval.

To correct this issue, check the following:

- Set the width and height of your file to full cover size according to our [File Size Calculator](#).
- There should be no white space around the edges of the cover file or it may fail for bleed.
- All images or backgrounds meant to reach all the way to the edge of the page, must extend 0.125" (3.2 mm) beyond the trim line. If it does not, it will be rejected.
- Images or graphics that shouldn't reach all the way to the edge of the page must fit within the safe zone, which is represented by the dashed red lines in Previewer.
- All text must fit within the safe zone.

For more information about common cover size errors, please see the [Cover and spine text](#) section.

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### Transparencies

While [creating a PDF file](#), ensure the transparencies and layers are flattened. When files are created and content is placed on top of other content, transparencies can occur. If you're using a design program, this content is placed on another layer. Unflattened layers and transparencies can cause errors in upload and later on in production. When editing your native files ensure that all layers and transparencies are flattened so that, during processing, the order in which the content was placed on the page remains the same and nothing moves. If you're using Microsoft Word, [learn how to flatten your file by watching our video](#) (skip ahead to 21:48).

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Margins and gutter

Is your content outside the margins? Does it extend into the gutter?  
 If your pages have a background color or graphic and Print Previewer is showing a margin error, first try changing the Bleed Settings option to "Bleed" and also review the [trim and bleed](#) section.

1. Open your original file. Reposition content that is outside the margins or continue to Step 2 to reset your margins.
2. In the "Page Setup" section of the **Layout** tab, click **Margins**.
3. Select **Custom Margins**. This will open a dialog box.
4. In the "Pages" section, select **Mirror margins** from the "Multiple pages" drop-down menu.
5. In the "Preview" section, select **Whole document** from the "Apply to" drop-down menu.
6. Enter your top, bottom, inside, and outside margins based on your books page count\* and whether it contains bleed (see [margin requirements](#)) and click **OK**.
7. Upload your revised file to KDP.

- ✓ [Video: Page size, margins, and bleed](#)
- ✓ [Video: Positioning images for books without bleed](#)

\***Note:** We'll calculate your page count based on your manuscript file, rounding up to an even number if necessary. (In paperbacks, every page has a front and back side, equaling two pages.) The minimum page count is 24 pages; the maximum page count depends on ink, paper, and trim size options.

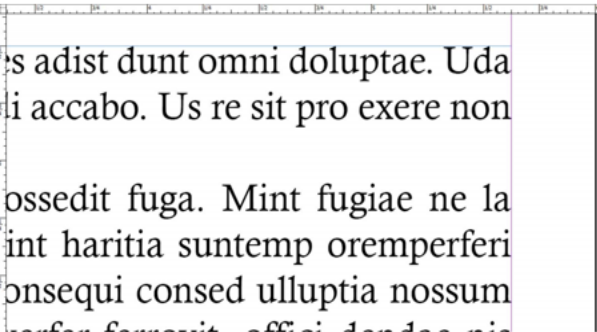
Text boxes, spaces, and hidden characters

We do not allow text to bleed off the page, so all text should appear within the margins. Sometimes, Print Previewer will flag text as appearing outside the margin when no text is visible in the location. This can occur when text characters, visible or otherwise, or spaces extend outside the margins unintentionally. Please see two common examples including italicized text and invisible spaces below.

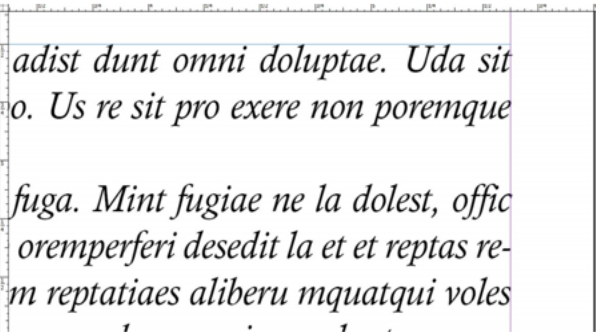
Example one: Plain text versus italicized text

The image below titled "Text box with plain text" shows text in a text box with a 0.375" (9.53 mm) margin and all text fits perfectly within the box. However, when the text is changed to an italic version of the same font, as seen in "Text box with italic text," some of the font's characters extend slightly outside of the text box and outside the margin, which will trigger the error in Print Previewer. When setting your margins, it may be beneficial to make them slightly larger than the minimum required sizes to compensate for text that may eclipse its text box.

Text box with plain text



Text box with italic text



Example two: Hidden spaces

The image below titled "Text box with normal view" shows text within a text box that extends outside the margin to the page's edge. In normal view, it appears that all text appears to be within the margin area. However, when the same text is highlighted, as shown in "text box with all text highlighted," you can see that each line includes a string of spaces that extend outside the margin. The spaces that extend outside the margins are considered text characters and will trigger an error in Print Previewer.

Text box with normal view

Text box with all text highlighted