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Design Your Cover
Version 1.0*
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When creating your cover, make sure the information on it (e.g., book title, author name) exactly matches the book details you entered.

1. Sign in to your account and go to your **Bookshelf**.

2. Go to the book for which you want to create a cover.

3. Under the KINDLE EBOOK ACTIONS or PAPERBACK ACTIONS menus, click the ellipsis button ("…") and select "Edit eBook Content" or "Edit Paperback Content."

4. Scroll down to the "Kindle eBook Cover" or "Book Cover" section.

5. Click **Launch Cover Creator**.

6. A window will appear explaining the three steps you'll take: choose design, style & edit, preview. Click **Continue**.

7. You'll then be asked to select a cover image. You can choose a stock image from our gallery or upload your own image.

    Note: If you're using your own image, make sure you own the rights to it and that it's high resolution. Image resolution is measured by pixels per inch (PPI). Images with high PPI (300 or higher) will be clearer than those with low PPI (less than 300).

8. After adding your image, choose your design concept. When choosing, think about how the layout works for your image.

9. Choose your color scheme, layout, and font. When choosing, think about how these elements reflect the content of your book.

Note: Make sure the cover text doesn't blend into the background. This often happens because the text and background color is too similar. Your cover text should also be large and clear enough).

10. If you're publishing a paperback, add your book description, author biography, and author photo to the back cover.

11. Preview your cover. When you're satisfied, click **Save & Submit** at the bottom of the screen.