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Quick And Dirty EBook Covers



Synopsis

Detailed instructions for making simple eBook covers. Step-by-step instructions with many high-resolution screenshots showing exactly how to use the free image manipulation program GIMP on Windows, Mac, and Linux. This is a no-hype, straight-forward how-to guide. The screenshots are in full color but still look good on a grayscale Kindle, and you can zoom in to see all the detail. The first covers are very basic but teach you the details needed for the more advanced covers. After that, the covers use free or stock photo images by real artists to give your covers a professional touch. You can see some example covers on the author's [page](#) or on the Nepo Press (nepotism.net) site.

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This is a rather simplistic explanation of how to use graphic programs to create appealing covers for ebooks. Rather a niche product, there's really nothing here that can't be found for free on the Web but there's something to be said for having a ready reference with material all together. What I like about it is the fact that not enough ebooks have covers at all, much less well-made ones. What I don't like is the reliance on stock art, especially the free stuff.

Here's a book that is exactly what it claims to be. How to make book covers with Gimp.The author gives us three options for covers. The plain vanilla cover with no illustrations, a second option using a full page illustration and the third option, a kind of hybrid with an illustration and separate bars for title and author's name.Plus some useful tips on Gimp.All this for one buck, how can you go wrong?

I have been stumbling my way through gimp. No one showed the basics anywhere. This book brought me back to the beginning and helped me get organized. It was great for a beginner like me.

Very useful guide. Clearly written, takes one from easy steps to more complicated layouts painlessly. Most appreciated at this time.

I'm not much of an artist, but Frank Sergeant's step-by-step how-to book for creating your own ebook covers made it easy for me to put together a cover in GIMP. My first cover took me about 20-30 minutes as I carefully followed along with the recipe. With time, I may not need the crutch, but I've got the confidence now to try more. Thanks for a pain-free path to creating my own quick and dirty covers!

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