Final Pre-Publishing Formatting Checklist

Interior File Checklist

☐ - Trim size matches exactly (e.g., 8.5" x 11")

☐ - Bleed applied correctly if artwork touches the page edge

☐ - All pages exported at 300 DPI

☐ - No pixelated images or fuzzy lines

☐ - Margins and safe zones respected

☐ - Consistent page layout throughout the book

☐ - Saved as a flattened, print-ready PDF (no layers or transparency)

Cover File Checklist

☐ - Used KDP's official cover template

☐ - Spine width matches page count exactly

☐ - All important elements inside safe zones

☐ - Bleed included on all outer edges

☐ - Cover design is one complete PDF (front + spine + back)

☐ - Exported as PDF/X-1a:2003 or "Press Quality" format at 300 DPI

Upload Readiness Checklist

☐ - Uploaded manuscript PDF and selected "bleed" if applicable

☐ - Uploaded cover file as "Print-Ready PDF"

☐ - Used the KDP Print Previewer to review and approve file layout

☐ - Checked for alerts about DPI, bleed, and alignment

☐ - Pricing and marketplace information entered correctly

☐ - All links, author name, and descriptions double-checked