

Writers Submission Guide V1.2

If you are new to this don't worry, we can help, just let us know.

This guide is intended to show the best way to prepare work for submission. If preparation has already been done, we will try to work with it but should this prove too difficult, we will let you know.

Many writers do a great job of formatting and laying out their stories as near as they can to a traditional book, this is all to be commended and we are happy to receive such work, however...

Modern publishing and the many mobile devices demand a wide range of layouts. It's not practical to try and produce a different layout for every device or format. There are too many and there's always a new one tomorrow.

The Solution

Automatic layout is the key to the Kindle and many other Reader Device systems, Children's Stories Net included.

To feed our automatic systems we need **Plain Text** without any particular layout or formatting, just blank lines between paragraphs. Where pictures go (if any) just write **Picture 1 Here** with a blank line above and below.

Each picture or cover image can be emailed separately (as a Jpeg file) and should be as high a quality as possible. Images are measured in dots (pixels), the more the better. As a guide images should not be smaller than 576 pixels high.

High quality screens show pictures best if they have an image size (quality) greater than 1920 pixels wide and 1080 high, bigger is better.

All images should have background borders outside the main part of the picture to allow for some layout adjustment, better a border is too big than too small, it can be cut to size (see image proportions next page).

Saving as Plain Text

Your software should allow you to **Save As** plain text, look in the ' Save as Type ' box when saving for an option called ' Text ' or ' .txt ' or similar.

Images for Your Story

If you are creating your own images (photo / drawing / painting / graphic) we will provide whatever guidance you need to get your image(s) into your story. There's a vast amount of ready made artwork online available free or very cheaply, see our Authors Submission page for more information or contact us.

Image Proportions

It makes a lot of sense to create or choose an image just once by planning it carefully before hand, thus saving a lot of time and effort and helping your work look good on the majority of reading devices.

The following example image has been created with the important part in the centre (the house) and the background and foreground detail spreading to fill the two main proportions in use on most devices (and books in print). Each image should have the approx proportions of the whole image below, it can then be used as needed.

