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## **Paperback Layout Guidelines**

**Inside Pages:** File Format: .pdf

Fonts: Embedded

Image Resolution: 300 dpi (minimum)

Color Images: CMYK (not RGB). Any RGB will be converted to CMYK

Black & White Images: Greyscale (not CMYK or RGB)

**Page Size:** Same as trim size (5.5"x8.5", 6"x9", 8.5"x11", etc...)

**Bleeding Pages:** Extend .125" all around, if applicable **Crop Marks:** Not necessary if page size is same as trim size **Page Setup:** Individual pages (no spreads), in one .pdf file

Margins: Recommend at least .75". More can be added to the gutter area if desired

**Page Count:** An even number of pages (add blanks if applicable)

**Cover:** File Format: .pdf

Fonts: Embedded

Image Resolution: 300 dpi (minimum)

**Color Images:** CMYK (not RGB). Any RGB will be converted to CMYK **Layout:** Includes front cover, spine and back cover as one .pdf file

Bleed: Extend .125" all around outside perimeters

Design: A design recommendation is to flow the same image or color from left to right

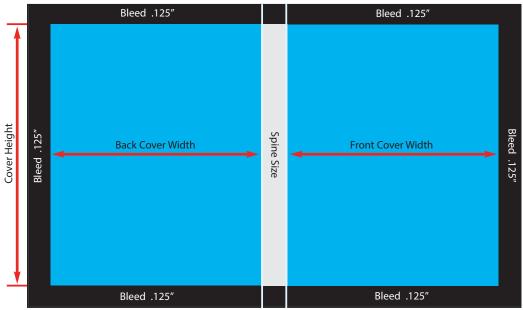
**Spine Size Formula:** number of pgs divided by ppi (pages per inch)

which is determined by the type of paper chosen, then add .02".

(minimum spine size is .04")

Spine Text: We do not recommend text on spines less than .125"

## **Paperback Cover Example**



NOTE: Spine widths vary by page count and paper chosen.