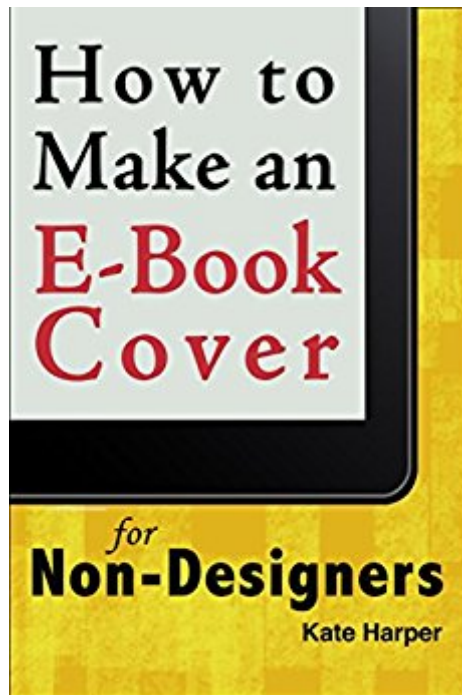


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- How to design a basic book cover, using easy step-by-step visual instructions.
- Why eBook covers should be designed differently than printed book covers.
- How to make sure your cover stands out in an online bookstore.
- How to use your own photos to create an attractive design.
- How to use a word processor and/or graphics program to create a book cover.
- How to prepare the cover at the correct size and format for an eBook store.

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