

Constructing a Book Cover

"Don't judge a book by its cover!" Many people pick up a book because of the information on its cover. It's up to you to entice readers by making the most informative cover possible!

Book covers include the front cover, back cover, spine, and front and back flaps.

COVER:

Design a cover for your book jacket that includes the title of the book, the author's name, the illustrator's name, and a detailed, color drawing. **PLEASE DO NOT COPY A PICTURE FROM YOUR BOOK!** This must be your own hand-drawn artwork.

SPINE:

The spine is the smallest but often the most important part of a book because it is the first thing readers see on the shelf. Use creative lettering to design a spine for your book jacket. Include the title of the book, the publishing company, and the author's name.

BACK COVER:

Write a three-paragraph summary of the book that describes the beginning, middle, and end. Each paragraph should have at least 5 sentences, but no more than 8 sentences and at least 300 words. (Remember, a summary gives just the main ideas of a story.)

INSIDE FLAP:

You be the book reviewer. Tell us what you liked and didn't like. Be specific. Would you recommend this book to other people? Why or why not? (At least 100 words)

BACK FLAP:

This tells the reader about the people behind the book. Give a biographical description of the author and illustrator (if there is one). List any awards they have won or other books they have written. List any publisher information as well.

Book cover reports are worth 50 points. To get full credit, all elements must be included in the report.