

Publishing Tips

Keep these tips in mind as you prepare to write the final copy and publish your children's picture book.

Text tips:

- Proofread the text before placing it in the final copy of your book. The short, compact nature of children's picture books does not leave room for error. Even one mistake in the text can ruin the entire work.

Illustration tips:

- Pay attention to copyright for the images that you use.
- Don't worry that your artwork is not "good enough" to use as illustrations. The illustrations should serve as a visual communication of the plot. Simply drawn stick figures are all that is needed if the story is well-written. The children's book *Harold and the Purple Crayon* is a good example of this.

Book-binding tips:

- Staple the book on the side. Then glue a strip of ribbon or construction paper over the staples for a more aesthetically pleasing look.
- Tape the pages together. Again, you can decorate the spine with ribbon or construction paper.
- Sew the book together with needle and thread. See <http://www.sff.net/people/Brook.West/bind/bindit.html> for more information.