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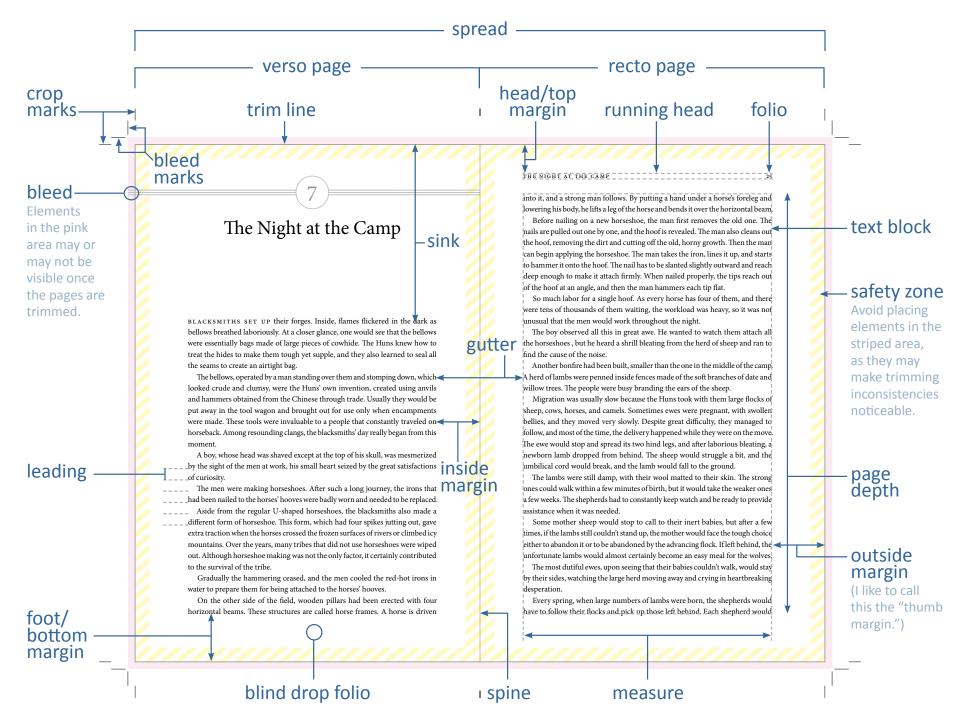
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# Some Types of Cases and Bindings

- Cases
  - Paperback
  - Hardcover
    - Rounded or flat spine?
    - Printed paper case wrap (aka paper over boards)
    - Stamped paper or cloth case wrap
    - Jacketed
- Bindings
  - Perfect-bound
  - Tape-bound
  - Smyth-sewn
  - Spiral
  - Wire or Wire-O
  - Comb

## Can I Lay Out My Book in Word?

- Sure, if you don't mind your book's looking like it was typeset in Word.
- Other software that has been used to lay out books (sometimes to vile effect):
  - Adobe Illustrator
  - Adobe InDesign
  - Adobe PageMaker
  - Adobe Photoshop
  - Apple Pages
  - Microsoft Publisher
  - QuarkXPress
  - TeX
  - Ventura



# Decisions, Decisions

The Hun people have a special place in the grand picture of human civilization. From a historical point of view, both the East and West were fundamentally shaped by these nomadic people originating from Central Asia. Their rise, conquests, and expansions rocked the foundation of Eastern agrarian civilization as well as Western Christianity, their effects rippling through history long after the tides of time had left their favor. Like their dazzling expansions, the perishing of their empire was equally sudden. Today, little trace of their existence can be found. Aside from the ruins of their abandoned city, a few names, and the legends and sagas; there are few things that we can give our lamentations to.

- Gao Jiangun (the author)

The intermingling of ethnic groups is a significant driving force of history.

- Karl Marx

If a book can ever turn a reader into a hero, this should be the one!
- Rao Jie Ba Sang

Wars were fought in and out of the city; history was written about Yanzhi Mountain gained and lost.

- Xi Murong

The man who sings with cup of wine
Is a man from the tribe of wolves
People say when chilly wind rises,
The man from the north
Will stands outside the city gate
His iron armor rusted and covered with frost

- Lyric of "One Night in Beijing" written by Chen Sheng and Liu Jiahui

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Let me read this book so I can become a hero!

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What enchants me about this book is its portraits of heroes. True heroes can never be forgotten.

-CHANG YAO, poet

This book is one of the crowning achievements of the author's career. If Gao Jianqun was born for a reason, it was to write this book.

-LI XING, book critic

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### The Night at the Camp

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Gradually the hammering ceased, and the men cooled the red-hot irons in water to prepare them for being attached to the horses' hooves.

On the other side of the field, wooden pillars had been erected with four horizontal beams. These structures are called horse frames. A horse is driven

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-Lu Xun

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Why did modern science develop in European civilizations rather than in Chinese (or Indian) civilization? Between the first century A.D. and 15th century A.D., why was Chinese civilization much more effective than Western civilizations in applying the natural knowledge it gained to the actual needs of the people?

Even though these words contain praise as well as criticism, people naturally are less susceptible to the latter segment which may be heartfelt praise. They proceed directly to the first question that cuts straight to the

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Li Kui said working on the land is miserable,

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"What do you need?"

The young lad opened up his padded jacket and patted his deflated stomach:

"To have a full stomach!"

"Your request is too simple, what other needs do you have?"

The young fellow then opened his padded jacket again and patted his stomach a second time:

"To change the dried sweet potatoes into grain!"11

The desire for prosperity, in reality becomes like laying one's hands on scorched earth, and the outcome turns painful. The self-interests of farmers have clashed with the political ideals of the people's communes. The enterprises in the towns and cities have similarly faced slacking off on the job and the embarrassment of being lacking in drive / vigor. All enterprises are either state-owned enterprises or collective enterprises, so factory managers obey upper-level administrative orders, and none of them are shrewd-minded enterpreneurs who are intent on getting rich. Production materials are branded as publicly-owned, and there is no definition of property rights. There is a large labor force, but the pricing of human capital is not dictated according to quality.

Rights as defined under the planned economic system nearly depleted people's desire to create wealth. "Egalitarianism" and the "Dàguōfàn" ("iron rice bowl") seriously undermined the socialist principle of distribution according to one's labor. The ideal incentive of "utopia" became more and more low-yield. In the final analysis, we still took the wrong path when it came to defining property rights.

As the basic element to defining all economic systems, clear property rights is a precondition to market transactions. For ordinary people, "public" and "private" have entirely different meanings. The economic purpose

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would be impossible to have market and social order, and it would be socially unacceptable.

—ZHOU QIREN<sup>13</sup>

"YOURS," "MINE," AND "OURS"

The labor scene during the people's commune period was far less busy than media portrayals suggested. When people went down to the fields, they procrastinated, they chitchatted while working, slacked off on the job, and rushed to call it a day. Yongjia County in Zhejiang Province once had a proverb, which was both refined and popular, and provides evidence:

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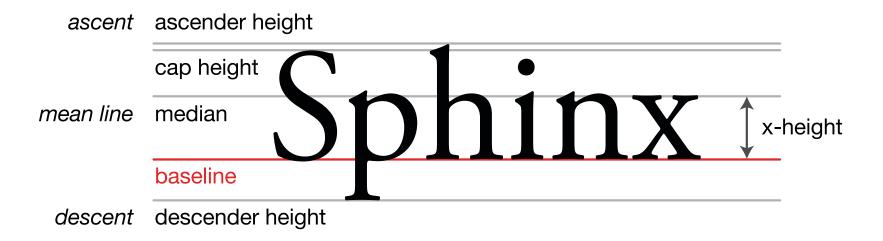
### Text Design ≠ Picking the Font

- An appealing page = font choice + font size + line length + H&Js + leading + page depth + margins.
- Good book design starts in your word-processing program—no, actually, it starts in your seventhgrade English class.
- It takes years of deliberate study and practice to become a skilled book designer and typesetter.
   Unless you have a *lot* of time on your hands, hire a professional.

# Some Words Used to Describe Fonts

- Foundry Adobe, Bitstream, Emigre, FontFont, Monotype
- **Family** Adobe Garamond, Garamond Premier Pro
- Character Set Minion Standard, Minion Pro, HeitiSC, HeitiTC
- Case Lowercase, Caps, Small Caps, Unicase
- Weight Hairline, Thin, Ultra Light, Book, Medium, Semibold, Bold, Heavy, Black, Extra, Ultra
- Style Roman, Italic, Oblique
- Width Narrow, Condensed, Extended, Wide
- Serifs Sans-Serif, Semi-Serif, Serif, Swash, Slab Serif
- Optical Size Poster, Display, Subhead, Small Text, Caption
- Classifications Transitional, Geometric, Humanist, Modernist
- Figure Style Old-style, Lining, Tabular

## Measures of Font Height



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## Point Size Is Not Everything

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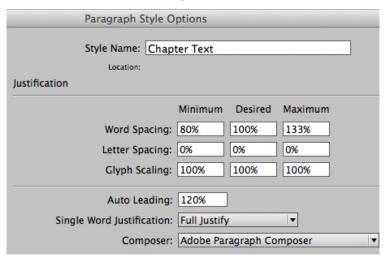
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## Good fonts are worth paying for.

- High-quality fonts are extremely challenging and labor-intensive to create. The humans who do this work deserve to be paid for it.
- Well-made OpenType fonts will save you time.
- Most of the free Google Web Fonts are garbage. Sorry.
- Most of the fonts that come with your operating system or with MS Word are inadequate for typesetting.
- Some Adobe programs come with good and useful fonts. Which ones you get depends on which application and version you buy.
- If you use Adobe CC with Typekit fonts, your printer must accept PDFs. You cannot package Typekit fonts for output.

### Some Fonts I've Used Often

- Arno Pro
- Karmina and Karmina Sans
- FF Meta
- Minion Pro
- Myriad Pro
- FF Scala and FF Scala Sans
- Adobe Text Pro
- Warnock Pro

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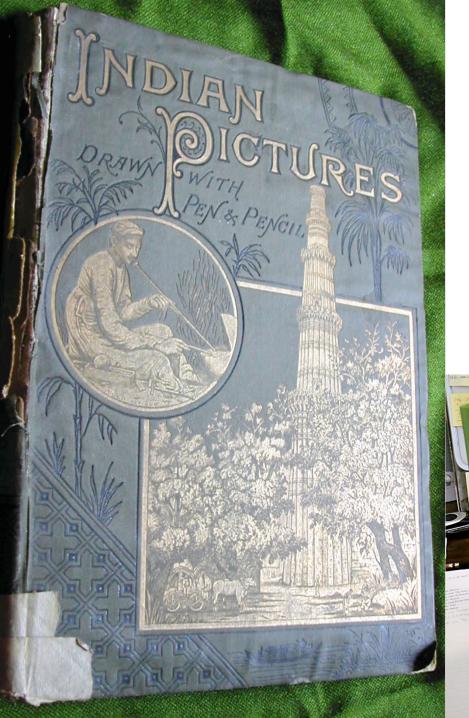
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- Vector images do not have a fixed size
- Image formats your printer may accept:
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  - JPG
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  - TIFF
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## Paper Stock – Cost and Quality

- Paper choices will depend on the country you print in, the trim size, the print run, the type of printing press, and your budget.
- If you've chosen a nonstandard book size, ask your printer if tweaking it slightly might lower the cost.
- If printing POD, you don't have a lot of options; 2 colors (white, natural) and 2 finishes (coated, uncoated) is a typical array. Coated paper will probably be available only in white. Your choice of trim sizes will be limited to what fits most efficiently on the paper.
- If using a full-service printer, ask your customer service rep to guide you. They can tell you what paper is most common for the type of book you're printing, as well as what some more luxurious or cheaper options would be.
- Some paper comes in rolls (for large-run "web" printing), some in sheets (for "sheet-fed" printing). The paper you want may not be available in both formats.
- Paper has grain; ignore it at your peril.

### Miscellaneous Niceties

- Headbands
- Colored or printed end sheets
- Bookmark ribbons
- French flaps
- Spot coatings
- Laminates
- Embossing
- Foil stamping
- Textured case wrap
- Deckle edges



# Embossing and Foil Stamping



# Soft-Touch Laminate with Spot Varnish





# **Deckle Edges**

**Head Bands** 





### Colored or Printed End Sheets



### **Print On Demand**

- If you plan to use POD, it's best to choose the printer before you start designing your book, so that you can work with their particular limitations—trim sizes, safety margins, bleeds, color quality, binding types, cover finishes. For example, if images or tints bleed across an spread in your book, some POD printers may require you to leave a white gap along the gutter.
- You will have extremely limited or no choice of paper stock, end sheets, case wrap, headbands, ink colors, textures, laminates, and so on. Short print runs are economical only when the printer can gang-run multiple titles. They can only do this if the specs are uniform.
- Check your files very carefully BEFORE you upload, especially if you're using LightningSource.

# Don't Let Your Sister Design Your Cover...

...unless she's an experienced graphic designer.

### Cover Design Tips

- Hire a professional.
- Look at other books that are similar to yours, to see how they are presented.
- Find covers you like, find out who designed them, and ask if the designer does freelance work.
- Typography is VERY important on covers. Not all designers who are good with images understand how to use type.
- Remember that your cover has to work in many digital contexts, at thumbnail size.
- If you are planning a series, even if the later books are not written yet, let your designer know so they can plan ahead for a series design.
- Hire a professional. No, really.
- Expect cover design to cost real cash money.

## **Proofing and Galleys**

- What kind of proofs do you need? Options include bluelines, full or partial color proofs, electronic (soft) proofs, plotters, and more.
- Checklists, checklists, checklists.
- The homelier your galley is, the less likely it is that someone will try to resell it. But they might not want to review it, either.
- Sterling Pierce is the galley printer I use. If you're planning to do POD anyway, however, your POD printer may end up being cheaper.
- For color books, a printed blad + an e-galley may be sufficient.
- NetGalley, and other galley distributors.

### Resources for Learning More

### Websites

- Adobe.com Training and support for all Adobe software.
- DesignerInsights.com Lots of useful illustrated explanations of binding types, typographic elements, and more.
- Lynda.com Video Instruction in InDesign, Quark XPress, Apple's Pages, and much more.
- InDesignSecrets.com Excellent nitty-gritty information. See also ePUBSecrets.com.
- Printindustry.com Has lots of educational resources, an e-mail newsletter about printing,
   and an online form you can use to request quotes from multiple printers at once.
- Typedia.com A crowdsourced encyclopedia of typographic information.

### Resources for Learning More

### **Books**

- Anton, Kelly Kordes, and John Cruise. Adobe InDesign CC Classroom in a Book (2014 release).
   Berkeley: Adobe Press, forthcoming July 18, 2014. If you're really learning from scratch.
- Bringhurst, Robert. *The Elements of Typographic Style: Version 4.0: 20th Anniversary Edition*. Vancouver, Canada: Hartley & Marks, 2013.
- Felici, James. *The Complete Manual of Typography: A Guide to Setting Perfect Type*. 2nd edition. Berkeley: Adobe Press, 2012. InDesign-focused, covering both theory and practice.
- French, Nigel. *InDesign Type: Professional Typography with Adobe InDesign*. 3rd Edition. Berkeley: Adobe Press, 2014.
- Lupton, Ellen. *Thinking with Type: A Critical Guide for Designers, Writers, Editors, & Students*. 2nd ed. Princeton: Princeton Architectural Press, 2010.
- Spiekermann, Erik. Stop Stealing Sheep & Find Out How Type Works. 3rd ed. Berkeley: Adobe Press, 2013.
- University of Chicago Press Staff. *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th Edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010. Also available as an online subscription at chicagomanualofstyle.org. Even if you don't want to subscribe, poke around on the website for resources such as the "Art Submission Requirements" guide and the often salty Q&A section.

### Resources for Learning More

### **People**

- Do not be afraid to ask your printer's customer service representative for help in figuring out what kind of paper, cover material, and binding you need. When you receive estimates, ask your rep to explain anything that is unclear.
- Print brokers can be particularly helpful, as they work with multiple printers and must understand all of those companies' varying capabilities. At CN Times, we've received excellent service and prices from Ron Glick of NJ Printing, njprinting.org.
- The Editorial Freelancers Association maintains a directory of copyeditors, proofreaders, and other editorial professionals at http://www.the-efa.org/dir/search.php.
- BiblioCrunch.com is a service that connects authors and publishers with book publishing professionals of all kinds.
- Your local InDesign User Group: indesignusergroup.com.