DWS Book Templates

When I started writing an eBook with LibreOffice Writer I could not find a template that worked and demonstrated the styles used within the template, so I created two.

What's Included

1. LibreOffice Writer templates for both a novel and light technical books containing a style sheet and sample content for a book.
2. A step-by-step set of instructions (DWS-BookTemp-Instructions.pdf) for:
   - (a) Setting up the environment on Mac or Windows PC.
   - (b) Starting a book project and producing a PDF file for viewing and printing on US letter (8.5″ x 11″) paper, and an EPUB 3 for viewing and submitting to Amazon.
   - (c) Creating both the JPEG cover for an eBook and a PDF file for the front cover, back cover and spine of a paperback book.
   - (d) Final post processing for paperback printing.
   - (e) Producing an EPUB 3 file for viewing and submitting to book distributors.
3. A LibreOffice Calc Worksheet to calculate the dimensions for a paperback cover. (DWS-Book-Calc.ods).

Files Included

- DWS-BookTempNovel in EPUB 3, PDF and ODT source (~45 pages)

- DWS-BookTempTech in PDF and ODT source (~50 pages)

- DWS-BookTemp-Instructions in PDF (~30 pages)

- Calc/DWS-BookCalc.ods a worksheet

- CoverArt/DWS-BookTemp.aphoto (8.8MB)

There are PDF and EPUB versions of DWS-BookTempNovel included in this repository so that you can see how a sample Novel would be formatted as a paperback or on a eBook.

Getting Started

The file **DWS-BookTemp-Instructions.pdf** contains the instructions for:

- Software Installation on macOS & Windows

- New Book Project Setup—The instructions to process the template into a paperback, EPUB3 and Kindle MOBI files.

- Post Processing Steps—The final steps prior to producing an eBook or paperback.

- Creating both an eBook cover and a paperback book cover.

Prerequisites

None

Installing

- See **DWS-BookTemp-Instructions.pdf**

- Most directories have a **README.pdf** file to describe what they include.

Running The Tests

If you follow the example in the instructions, you will have a sample 8.5x11" paperback, a Kindle and EPUB3 eBook built using the template (**DWS-BookTempNovel.odt**) as a test showing each of the named style elements. **DWS-BookTemp_Epub3.epub** is what the eBook will look like. You can view this in any EPUB reader, including Amazon's Kindle Previewer.

You can follow the same instructions using the DWS-BookTempTech template and get an example from the light technical template.

Versioning

LibreOffice Writer isn't a good format for version control. However, each file contains a date-formatted version ID near the top of the file similar to the two lines below.

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