



Art and Audio Requirements

The following technical requirements ensure your audiobook will be accepted for distribution everywhere while also providing a great listener experience.

Audio File Structure and Format

- Each chapter, credits, and any introductions must be uploaded as standalone files. If the audio has no chapters, please split into segments of 30–120 minutes each.
- Opening credits must be included, and include the title and author/narrator names.
- Closing credits must be included, and include the title, author/narrator names, the copyright year and holder for the print book, and the copyright year and holder for the production.
- *Closing Credit must include the tag line "This audiobook was brought to you by Audiobooks NZ, for more New Zealand audiobooks go to www.audiobooksnz.co.nz*
- Any introductions (preface, author's notes, etc.) should be recorded as a single file.

Technical Audio Requirements

- All audio must be human-narrated and provided as FLAC or MP3 files.
- Each file should have a bit rate of 192 kbps or higher, and a sample rate of 44.1 kHz.
- Each individual file must contain between 0.5 and 1 second of room tone at the head, and between 1 and 5 seconds of room tone at the tail.
- RMS for each file must measure between -23dB and -18dB, with peak values below -3dB, and a maximum -60dB floor.

Cover Art (provided by rights holder)

- PNG, TIF, or JPG. Minimums of 72 dpi resolution, 24-bit color, and 1600 x 1600 pixels, although we prefer 3000 x 3000 pixels if available.
- The title, author(s), and book series information (if applicable) are clearly displayed.
- No references to CDs or scans of cases, promotions, or cellophane.
- No pornographic, offensive, or copyrighted materials.
- Square cover art is strongly preferred. A number of vendors may require square art,

Our team will confirm these requirements are satisfied within 30 days of project submission. Please note that the requirements may change from time to time as we work to meet the needs of dozens of retailers.

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