



Fiction Book Essentials

Fiction Front & Back Matter Checklist

<i>Front Matter Checklist</i>	
✓ Half Title Page (optional in fiction)	
✓ Series Title Page (if applicable)	
✓ Frontispiece or Illustration (optional)	
✓ Title Page	
✓ Copyright Page	
✓ Dedication (optional)	
✓ Epigraph (optional)	
✓ Table of Contents (rare in fiction, more common in collections)	
✓ List of Illustrations or Maps (if applicable)	
✓ Foreword (optional)	
✓ Preface or Introduction (optional)	
✓ Acknowledgments (sometimes front, sometimes back)	
✓ Prologue (if used)	

Back Matter Checklist	
✓ Epilogue (if used)	
✓ Afterword (optional)	
✓ Acknowledgments (if not placed in front matter)	
✓ About the Author	
✓ Author's Note (optional)	
✓ Reading Group Guide / Discussion Questions (optional)	
✓ Excerpt from Next Book (optional, common in series)	
✓ Index (rare in fiction, mostly nonfiction)	
✓ Colophon (optional, design/typography note)	

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