MODULE 4 – ILLUSTRATE

The Super-Ninja Illustration Hack for Picture Books

Before you order any artwork or illustrations from a Fiverr designer…

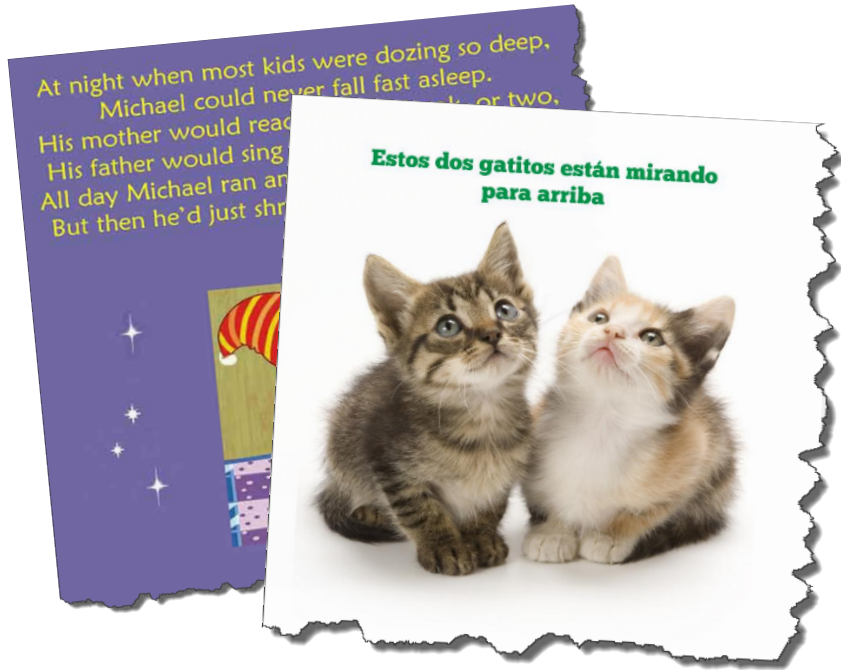*I want to show you a "super-ninja" picture book trick that will:*

- Save you money by not having to order an illustration for every single page of your picture book

- Double the page count of any picture book (which can be useful to reach the 24 page minimum for KDP Print books)

- Set up a visual repetition which can be useful for certain picture book text & stories

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At night when most kids were dozing so deep,
Michael could never fall fast asleep.
His mother would read him one book, or two,
His father would sing 'till his face turned blue,
All day Michael ran and played and kicked ball,
But then he'd just shrug: "I'm not tired at all."

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Estos dos gatitos están mirando
para arriba

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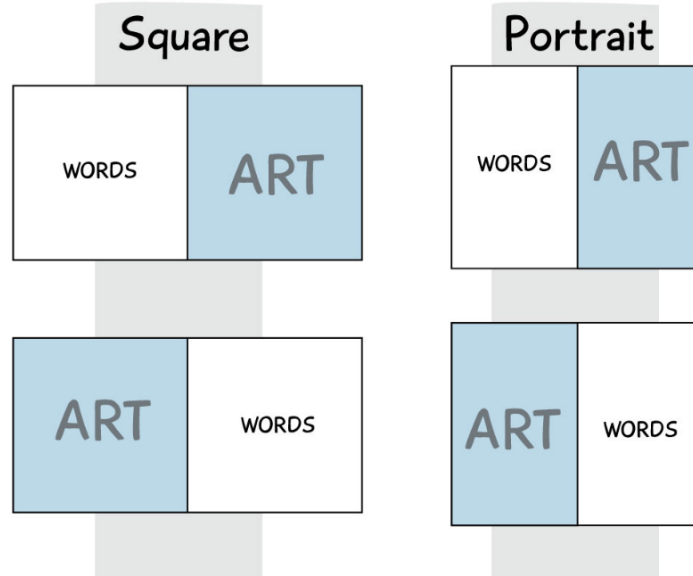# Instead of overlaying the text onto the image itself...

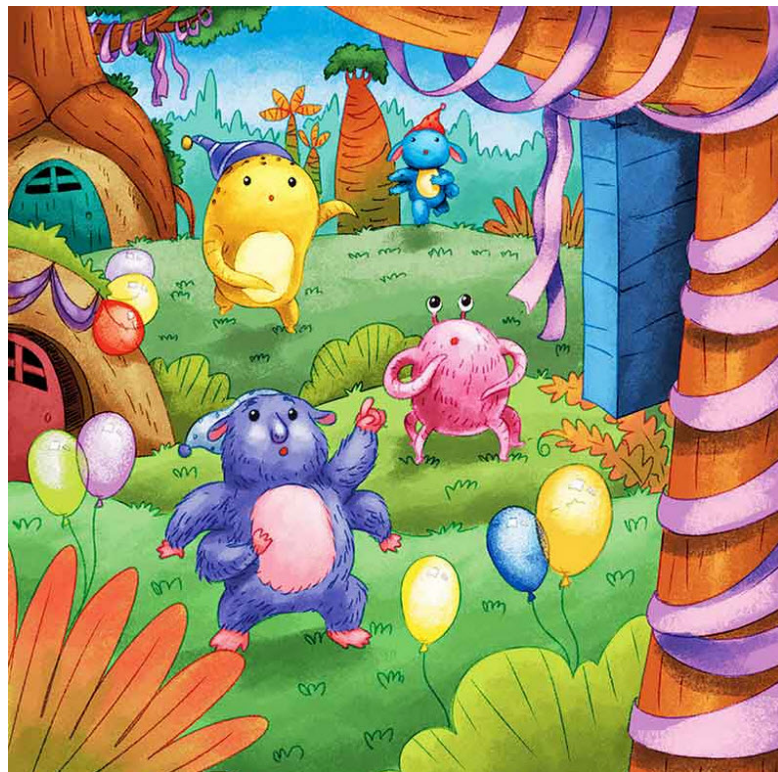# Here's an easy alternative to laying out your picture books:

You can simply alternate between an illustration and a "text-only" image display on every other page in your manuscript:

Square

| WORDS | ART |

| ART | WORDS |

Portrait

| WORDS | ART |

| ART | WORDS |

Here's some examples of alternating the text & artwork on different pages...

The forest monsters woke up
to a nice surprise,
Trees full of ribbons
and balloons in every size.
But the biggest surprise
was a sign on a tree,
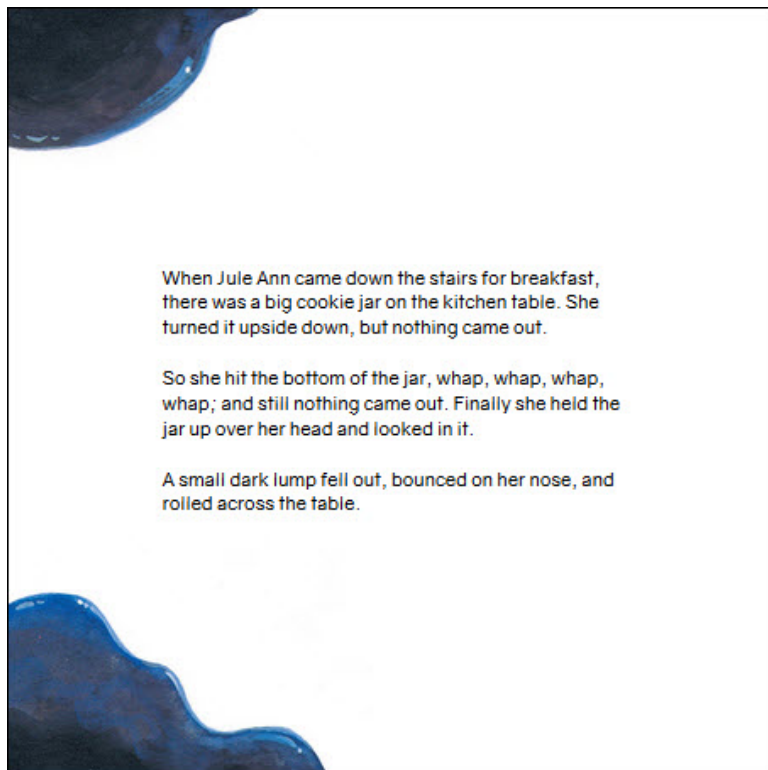They wondered what it said
and all ran to see.

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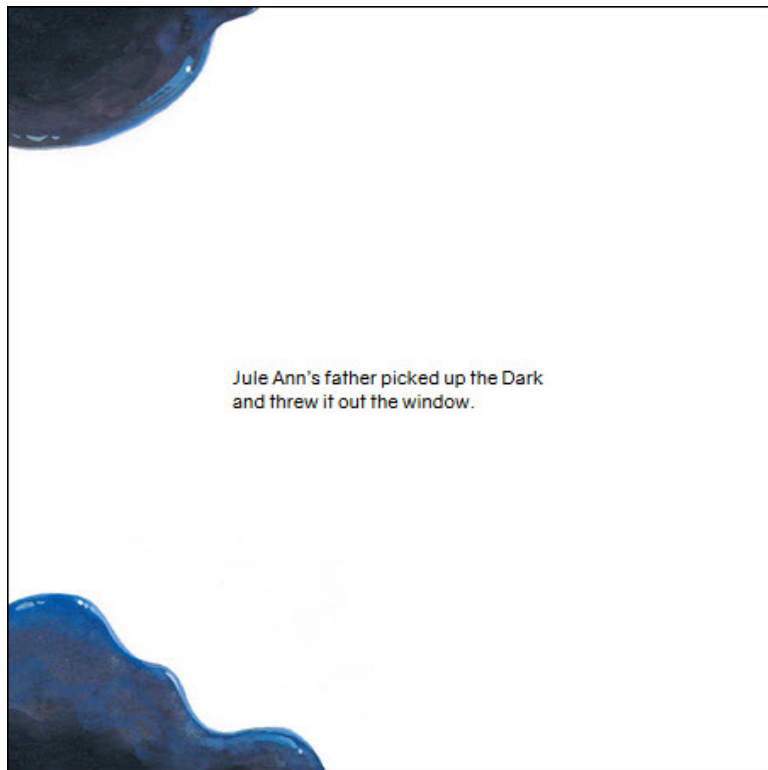

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So she hit the bottom of the jar, whap, whap, whap, whap; and still nothing came out. Finally she held the jar up over her head and looked in it.

A small dark lump fell out, bounced on her nose, and rolled across the table.

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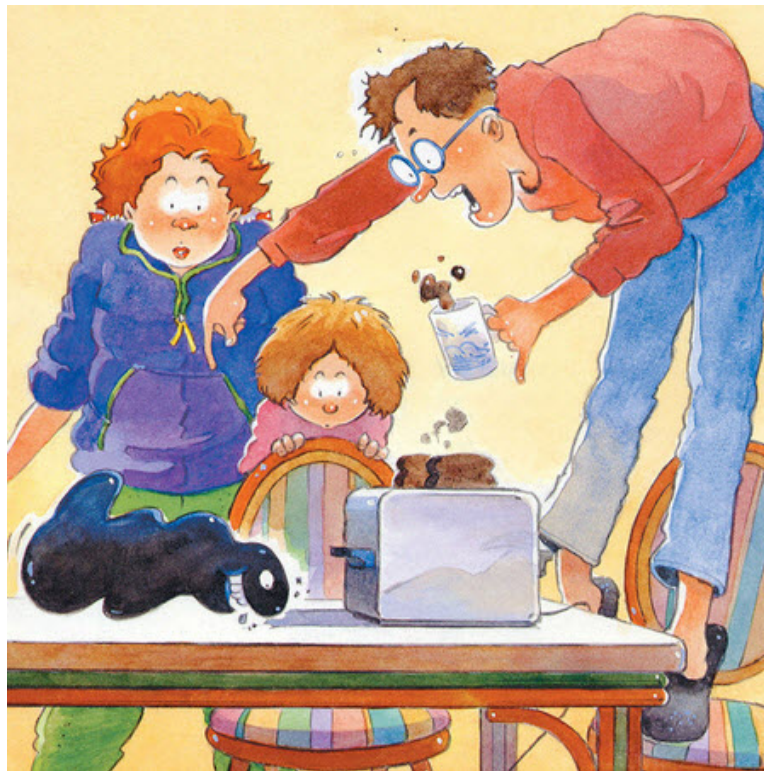Jule Ann's father picked up the Dark and threw it out the window.

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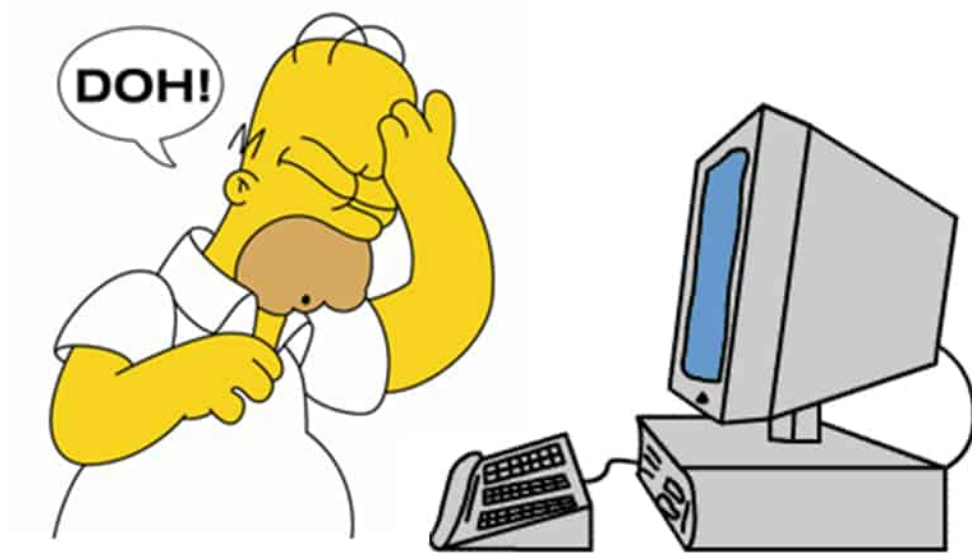
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(And FYI -- don't worry about the text at this point, we'll be adding that later...)

OK, let me show you how you can do this with free tools that even a dummy like me can figure out...

To do so, we're going to be creating blank text pages (they'll actually be sized images) to go along with every illustration in your picture book...

BOOK TRIM: | **IMAGE SIZE:**

5" x 8" ⟶ 1538 x 2475 pixels

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Ta da! You now have a custom colored text "page" to match the illustrations in your picture books...

And to make it even easier for you...

2625 x 2625 - black.jpg

2625 x 2625 - blue.jpg

2625 x 2625 - brown.jpg

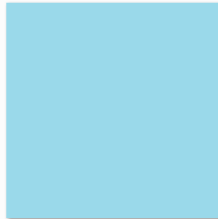2625 x 2625 - dark blue.jpg

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2625 x 2625 - gold.jpg

2625 x 2625 - gray.jpg

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2625 x 2625 - light purple.jpg

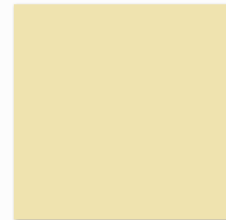2625 x 2625 - orange.jpg

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2625 x 2625 - red.jpg

2625 x 2625 - tan.jpg

Children's Book Formula