Starting with Pressbooks

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THE SIMPLE 5 STEP GUIDE TO MAKING A BOOK WITH PRESSBOOKS

Create Your Book

If you already have an account on an EDU or self-hosted Pressbooks network, you can create a book by doing the following:

1. Login to your admin dashboard & click the '**Create a Book**' button:

2. Fill in your desired **webbook address** and **book title** and click the '**Create book**' button. Your webbook address cannot be changed later, so choose this value carefully. The book title can be easily changed at any point in the future.

CREATE A NEW BOOK

Welcome, sheldon. Fill out the form below to **add a new book to your account.**

Books you are already a member of:

- https://integrations.pressbooks.network

Your webbook address is the web address where you will access and create your book. It must be at least **4** characters, letters and numbers only. It **cannot be changed**, so choose carefully! We suggest using the title of your book with no spaces.

Webbook Address:

integrations.pressbooks.network/

myfirstbook

Book Title:

My First Book

Book Language:

English (United States) ⌄

Privacy: Would you like your webbook to be visible to the public?
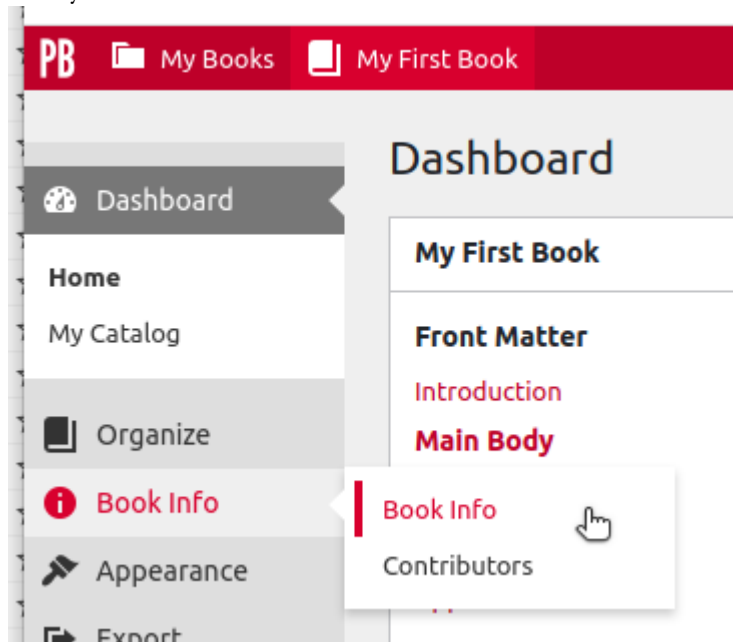
◉ Yes ○ No

CREATE BOOK

Note: If you don't have access to an existing Pressbooks account, you can register for a free account on Pressbooks.pub, our site for individual authors.

Add Your Book Information

The **Book Info** page is where you add and edit important information (metadata) about your book.

1. From your book dashboard, click '**Book Info'**

2. Enter your desired Book Information and click '**Save**' in the '**Save Book Information**' widget.

Add and Organize Your Text

You can add and organize your text from the **Organize** page in the left sidebar menu of your book dashboard. The organize page will allow you to see all of your existing content, its order, and its display status. You'll see the three main components of your book on this page:

Front Matter: Content in this section may include your introduction, foreword, dedication, and more. You can read more in our chapter on Front Matter.

Parts & Chapters: These comprise main body of your book. Your book can contain one or more **Parts**. Each part can contain one or more **Chapters**. Learn more in our chapters on adding Parts and adding Chapters to your book.

Back Matter: Content in this section may include your epilogue, appendix, information about contributors, and more. More details can be found in our chapter on Back Matter.

For more information on other ways to import your text into Pressbooks, check out our guide chapter on [How to Get Your Book into Pressbooks.](#)

Choose Your Book Theme

Once you've entered or imported the content that will make up your book, you can select and apply your preferred **Theme**. Each Pressbooks theme is a unique template which governs the display of your webbook and export formats (including PDF and ebook exports).
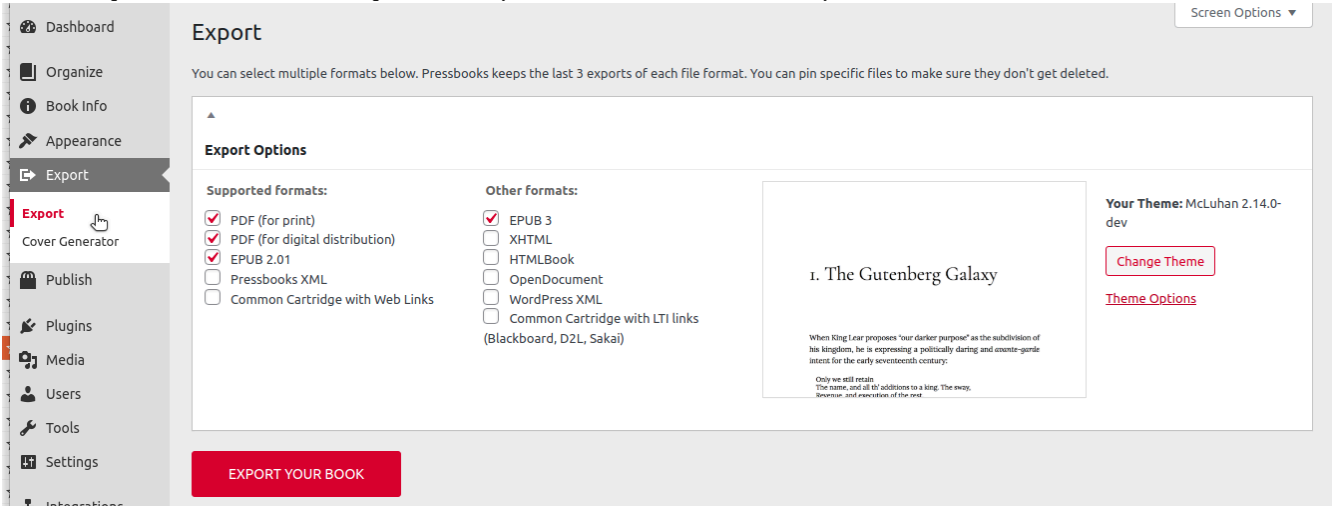
Browse available themes by clicking **Appearance** > **Themes** from your Book Dashboard:

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