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# Kindle Author Cleanup Guide

A practical guide for authors who want to avoid common manuscript cleanup mistakes before publishing.

Prepared for Blaze Humanizer customers

**A PRACTICAL PRE-PUBLISHING GUIDE FOR KINDLE AUTHORS**

# Read This First

This guide is designed for Kindle authors, publishers, ghostwriters, and publishing teams who want a practical cleanup system before formatting, uploading, or sending a manuscript to an editor.

It is not legal advice, it is not Amazon policy advice, and it is not a way to bypass platform rules. Always follow Amazon KDP's current requirements, including the distinction between AI-generated and AI-assisted content.

**The point of manuscript cleanup is simple: make the book better for the reader before it enters the publishing workflow.**

Use Blaze Humanizer as one part of a responsible publishing process: draft, edit, verify, clean, preview, and publish only when the manuscript is ready.

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## How to Use This Guide

- Read the 12 cleanup mistakes before you finalize your manuscript.
- Run the quick audit on every chapter or major section.
- Use Clean Mode when the words are right but the text may contain hidden artifacts.
- Use Rewrite Mode when a section still sounds robotic, repetitive, or flat.
- Complete the final upload sign-off before formatting, previewing, or publishing.

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# 1. Why Manuscript Cleanup Matters Now

The Kindle marketplace is crowded. AI tools have made it easier to draft books quickly, but speed can create a new problem: unfinished manuscripts that look complete on the surface while still carrying obvious AI-style writing, structural weaknesses, hidden text artifacts, unsupported characters, and formatting residue from copy-paste workflows.

A book can have a good idea and still fail because the final manuscript feels rushed. Readers do not judge your process. They judge the book in front of them.

A proper cleanup pass helps you catch problems that normal spell check does not catch: repeated phrasing, weak chapter flow, inconsistent terms, unsupported characters, bad metadata alignment, broken formatting, and sections that still feel like raw AI output.

Amazon's own quality guidance emphasizes that publishers are responsible for content quality, including issues such as typos, metadata problems, unsupported characters, formatting issues, duplicated content, missing content, wrong content, and content unsuited for reading on Kindle.

Cleanup is not the same as deception. Cleanup is publishing hygiene. It is the difference between uploading a rough draft and releasing a professional product.

## The three cleanup goals

Goal	What it means	How Blaze Humanizer helps
Cleaner text	Remove hidden copy-paste residue, odd spacing, soft hyphens, and invisible characters.	Use Clean Mode to preserve wording while removing hidden artifacts.
More natural reading	Reduce stiff, repetitive, robotic, or generic AI phrasing.	Use Rewrite Mode for sections that need smoother human flow.
Publishing readiness	Make sure the manuscript matches the promise, metadata, and expected reader experience.	Use the guide's audit and final sign-off pages before upload.

## 2. The Responsible KDP Cleanup Mindset

A serious publisher does not ask, 'How do I hide a bad book?' A serious publisher asks, 'How do I make this book genuinely better before readers see it?'

Amazon KDP distinguishes between AI-generated content and AI-assisted content. It requires disclosure of AI-generated text, images, or translations when publishing or republishing through KDP. It says AI-assisted content does not need to be disclosed when the author created the content and used AI to edit, refine, error-check, brainstorm, or otherwise improve it.

Your job is to understand the current rules, make the correct disclosure decision, and verify that your manuscript follows KDP content guidelines and intellectual property requirements.

### The cleanup mindset has five parts:

- Be honest about how the book was created.
- Make the manuscript useful to the target reader.
- Remove low-quality AI patterns and hidden text artifacts.
- Verify facts, rights, originality, formatting, and metadata alignment.
- Preview the book like a buyer before publishing.

Blaze Humanizer can help with text cleanup and naturalness. It cannot replace your responsibility to check facts, rights, KDP rules, metadata, category fit, reader expectations, and publishing quality.

# 3. The 12 Cleanup Mistakes Kindle Authors Should Avoid

Use these mistakes as your pre-publishing danger list. If one appears in your manuscript, fix it before the book reaches formatting, preview, or upload.

## 1. Uploading a raw AI draft

What it looks like: The manuscript technically has chapters, but it still reads like generic AI output: broad claims, vague examples, repetitive transitions, and no clear author judgment.

Cleanup action: Mark weak sections, run Rewrite Mode, then manually verify meaning, facts, and reader usefulness.

## 2. Confusing cleanup with compliance

What it looks like: The author assumes that rewriting text removes the need to follow KDP's AI-generated content requirements.

Cleanup action: Make the disclosure decision based on how the content was created. Cleanup does not erase your responsibility.

## 3. Fixing grammar but ignoring reader experience

What it looks like: The sentences are grammatically correct, but the book feels boring, repetitive, obvious, or shallow.

Cleanup action: Ask: would this chapter actually help the reader? Add examples, steps, nuance, and specificity.

## 4. Leaving the AI voice in place

What it looks like: Phrases like 'in today's fast-paced world,' 'unlock your potential,' or endless balanced paragraphs make the book feel machine-made.

Cleanup action: Use Rewrite Mode on robotic sections, then remove cliches and add author-specific phrasing.

## 5. Not fact-checking claims

What it looks like: AI-assisted drafts can invent statistics, names, timelines, recipes, health claims, financial claims, or legal details.

Cleanup action: Fact-check every specific claim. Remove anything you cannot verify.

## 6. Copy-paste formatting ghosts

What it looks like: Text copied from AI tools, Word, Google Docs, or web pages carries hidden spacing, soft hyphens, or formatting residue.

Cleanup action: Use Clean Mode before final formatting to remove hidden artifacts while preserving words.

## 7. Unsupported characters

What it looks like: Preview shows boxes, strange symbols, broken accents, or jumbled text in the Kindle file.

Cleanup action: Search for unusual characters and test the file in Kindle Previewer before publishing.

## 8. Inconsistent terms and names

What it looks like: A character, framework, chapter label, step name, or acronym changes across the book.

Cleanup action: Create a term sheet and search the manuscript for every key term before final upload.

## 9. Metadata mismatch

What it looks like: The title, subtitle, series name, contributor name, description, or promise does not match the actual manuscript.

Cleanup action: Compare manuscript title page, file name, description, categories, and reader promise.

## 10. Repetitive or duplicated content

What it looks like: The same idea appears across chapters with slightly different wording, making the book feel padded.

Cleanup action: Use a chapter purpose map. Delete or consolidate repeated sections.

## 11. Skipping preview

What it looks like: The book is uploaded without checking layout, spacing, images, links, table of contents, or device rendering.

Cleanup action: Preview the eBook and, for print, order or inspect the proof carefully before promotion.

## 12. No final sign-off

What it looks like: The publisher rushes to upload without a documented quality pass.

Cleanup action: Use the final sign-off worksheet in this guide before sending the manuscript forward.

## 4. The Blaze Humanizer Cleanup Workflow

Use this workflow after your manuscript has a complete draft, but before final formatting and upload. It is designed to keep you in control of the book while using Blaze Humanizer where it adds the most value.

Stage	What to do	Tool/mode	Output
1. Segment	Break the manuscript into chapters or sections small enough to inspect carefully.	Manual	Clean work batches
2. Diagnose	Identify sections that need cleanup only versus sections that need rewriting.	Guide audit	Mode choice
3. Clean	Run sections through Clean Mode when wording should stay intact.	Clean Mode	Hidden artifacts removed
4. Rewrite	Run robotic sections through Rewrite Mode.	Rewrite Mode	More natural draft
5. Review	Use the word-level diff to inspect every important change.	Diff view	Approved edits only
6. Verify	Check facts, links, names, terms, rights, and reader promise.	Manual	Quality-controlled text
7. Finalize	Move cleaned text into your formatting workflow.	KDP tools	Upload-ready manuscript

### Mode decision rule

If the words are right but the text may contain invisible junk, choose Clean Mode. If the words sound stiff or robotic, choose Rewrite Mode. If the facts are uncertain, stop and verify before using either mode.

## 5. The 45-Minute Emergency Cleanup Routine

Use this routine when a book is close to upload and you need a focused final pass. It is not a replacement for a real edit, but it can catch major cleanup issues quickly.

Minutes 0-5: Open the manuscript, sales description, subtitle, and KDP setup notes side by side.

Minutes 5-10: Search for obvious AI cliches, repeated transition phrases, and generic intros.

Minutes 10-20: Run the weakest sections through Rewrite Mode, then review the diff carefully.

Minutes 20-28: Run finalized sections through Clean Mode to remove hidden copy-paste artifacts.

Minutes 28-35: Check names, terms, acronyms, chapter numbers, table of contents, and repeated headings.

Minutes 35-40: Preview the opening sample as a reader. Fix anything that feels cheap, generic, or confusing.

Minutes 40-45: Complete the final upload sign-off at the end of this guide.

Emergency rule: do not rush facts, claims, health advice, legal advice, financial claims, or rights issues. If a high-risk claim cannot be verified, remove it or delay upload.

### Fast Cleanup Checklist

- [ ] Opening chapter does not sound like a generic AI introduction.
- [ ] Every chapter has a clear purpose and reader benefit.
- [ ] Repeated paragraphs, padded examples, and duplicated advice have been removed.
- [ ] Names, steps, terms, and acronyms are consistent.
- [ ] No unsupported characters appear during preview.
- [ ] Book description accurately represents the manuscript.
- [ ] AI-generated content disclosure decision has been made honestly.

## 6. Chapter-by-Chapter Manuscript Audit

Use this audit for every chapter. The goal is to keep the book useful, consistent, and human-readable from beginning to end.

Question	Yes/No	Fix needed
Does the chapter deliver the promise implied by its title?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Does the first page create interest without generic filler?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Does the chapter include specific examples, steps, or useful explanation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Are facts, dates, claims, and instructions verified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Does the writing sound natural when read aloud?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Are repeated ideas consolidated or removed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Are headings consistent with the rest of the book?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Are transitions clear and non-robotic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Did Clean Mode remove hidden artifacts without changing the meaning?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Did Rewrite Mode improve only the sections that needed it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Has the final chapter text been copied into the master manuscript?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Does this chapter still match the reader promise and metadata?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____

# 7. Formatting and Previewing Cleanup Checks

Text cleanup happens before formatting. Formatting cleanup happens after the manuscript is placed into the final eBook or print layout. Do not skip either step.

KDP's formatting guide includes tasks such as paragraph indentation, line spacing, chapter titles, table of contents, front and back matter, images, page breaks, hyperlinks, footnotes, checking for errors, previewing the eBook, and uploading the eBook.

## eBook cleanup checks

- Paragraph indentation and spacing look consistent.
- Chapter titles are formatted consistently.
- Table of contents links work.
- Front matter and back matter are complete.
- Images, tables, and captions render correctly.
- Hyperlinks work and go to the correct destination.
- No boxed characters, jumbled characters, strange spacing, or broken accents appear in preview.
- The opening sample gives readers a strong reason to continue.

## Print cleanup checks

- Margins, trim size, gutters, and page breaks are correct.
- Chapter openings start where intended.
- Headers, footers, and page numbers are consistent.
- Images are high quality and positioned correctly.
- Blank pages are intentional.
- Cover text, spine text, and barcode area are clean and safe.
- Proof copy or preview has been checked before promotion.

## 8. Metadata and Reader-Expectation Checks

A clean manuscript can still create problems if the metadata promises something the book does not deliver. The title, subtitle, description, categories, keywords, series details, and contributor names should align with the content inside the book.

KDP's content quality guidance warns against metadata issues that can create inaccurate search results or impair readers' ability to make good buying decisions.

### Reader-promise alignment

Element	Question to ask	Fix before upload
Title	Does the book deliver what the title promises?	Remove hype or adjust content.
Subtitle	Does the subtitle overpromise results, speed, health outcomes, income, or certainty?	Make it accurate and defensible.
Description	Does the sales copy accurately describe the book's scope and level?	Align bullets with actual chapters.
Keywords	Are keywords relevant to the book rather than stuffed for traffic?	Remove irrelevant terms.
Categories	Would a buyer in this category feel the book belongs there?	Choose reader-fit over loopholes.
Contributor	Are author, editor, illustrator, translator, and pen-name details accurate?	Correct before publishing.

The metadata test: if a reader buys the book because of the title, subtitle, and description, will the manuscript satisfy that expectation? If the answer is no, fix the book or fix the metadata before publishing.

## 9. AI-Assisted vs AI-Generated Decision Notes

Before publishing, document how the manuscript was created. This helps you make a more careful disclosure decision and gives your publishing team a consistent process.

Amazon states that AI-generated content includes text, images, or translations created by an AI-based tool, even if substantially edited afterward. AI-assisted content is where you created the content yourself and used AI tools to edit, refine, error-check, brainstorm, or improve it.

### Decision worksheet

Did an AI tool create the actual manuscript text?

Did an AI tool create any cover, interior image, illustration, or translation?

Did you personally write the text and use AI only for editing, brainstorming, or improvement?

Have you verified that all AI-generated or AI-assisted content follows KDP content guidelines?

Have you verified that you hold the necessary rights to publish the content?

Have you recorded the disclosure decision for this title in your publishing notes?

Important: Blaze Humanizer does not decide your KDP disclosure for you. It helps clean and polish text. The publisher must make the correct disclosure decision based on the actual creation process and current KDP rules.

## 10. Worksheets and Final Upload Sign-Off

Use these pages as your final internal quality-control record. Print them or duplicate them for every book in your publishing workflow.

### Manuscript Cleanup Scorecard

Cleanup area	Score 1-5	Notes / fixes
Reader value	___ / 5	_____
Opening sample	___ / 5	_____
Chapter structure	___ / 5	_____
Human voice	___ / 5	_____
Fact accuracy	___ / 5	_____
Term consistency	___ / 5	_____
Hidden artifacts	___ / 5	_____
Formatting readiness	___ / 5	_____
Metadata alignment	___ / 5	_____
KDP disclosure notes	___ / 5	_____

# Final Upload Sign-Off

- The manuscript has been fully read or reviewed after AI-assisted drafting.
- Robotic, repetitive, or generic sections have been rewritten or removed.
- Clean Mode was used where hidden text artifacts were likely.
- Rewrite Mode changes were reviewed before being accepted.
- Facts, claims, examples, references, and instructions were verified.
- Names, terms, acronyms, chapter titles, and headings are consistent.
- Unsupported characters and formatting issues were checked in preview.
- Title, subtitle, description, keywords, and categories match the manuscript.
- Rights and permissions were reviewed.
- AI-generated or AI-assisted notes were reviewed against current KDP rules.
- The eBook or print file was previewed before publishing.
- The book is ready to be sent to formatting, editor, upload, or final proof.

Book title: \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher / Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Date reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Final reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Decision:  Ready  Needs another cleanup pass  Delay upload

# 11. Official KDP Resource Links

KDP rules can change. Always check the current Amazon KDP Help pages before publishing. These links were included as practical reference points for this guide.

KDP Content Guidelines

[https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/help/topic/G200672390](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G200672390)

Guide to Kindle Content Quality

[https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/help/topic/G200952510](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G200952510)

eBook Manuscript Formatting Guide

[https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/help/topic/G200645680](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G200645680)

Intellectual Property Rights FAQ

[https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/help/topic/G200672400](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G200672400)

Low-Content Books

[https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/help/topic/GGE5T76TWKA85DJM](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/GGE5T76TWKA85DJM)

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## Final Word

A manuscript is not ready because the word count is finished. It is ready when the reader experience is clean, the promise is accurate, the formatting works, the disclosure decision is honest, and the text feels like a book worth paying for.

Use this guide before every KDP upload. Clean first. Humanize where needed. Verify everything. Then publish with more confidence.

## Blaze Humanizer

Clean. Humanize. Publish Better.