


# Basic Parts of a Book

## Terminology

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The below terms are used to describe the basic building blocks or parts of a book. These terms apply to any book, regardless of binding type.



front board	The <b>front</b> cover of a book, typically a cardboard base from 0.060 - 0.100 mm thickness.
back board	The <b>back</b> cover of a book, always the same thickness as the front board.
foreedge	The front edge of a book.
book block	The total of all signatures, sections, folios or sheets making up the body of a book. Also sometimes referred to as the "text block."
head	The <b>top</b> of a book when standing upright.
tail	The <b>bottom</b> of a book when standing upright.
spine	The "backbone" of the book connecting the two side-covers.
side-cover	Front and back covers of a book. Side-covers are created when a material is placed over the front and back boards.

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## Reference Diagram

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The below diagram shows how each term applies to a book standing upright or laying down.

