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KDP Puzzle Book Pre-Publish Checklist

The full pass every NostalgiaPuzzlePress book deserves before it goes live: interior, cover, AI disclosure, listing, keywords, categories and pricing.

Bonus: NostalgiaPuzzlePress review bonus #2

The tool builds the book; quality control is still yours. Work through this checklist in order for every volume. Tick the boxes on screen - one skipped check is how a 3-star review happens.

1 - Interior quality (the book itself)

[ ] Reviewed the AI's word list and Memory Lane questions - corrected errors, odd phrases and anything off-decade.

[ ] Removed any brand names or trademarks from word lists (KDP blocks these; when in doubt, leave it out).

[ ] Opened every puzzle grid: 14x14 readable, letters 24 or 26 pt, no words running backwards.

[ ] Counted puzzles: matches the listing promise (e.g. 20 puzzles) and the answer key has every puzzle.

[ ] Checked Memory Lane pages: 5 questions each, gentle personal questions - nothing a reader could get 'wrong'.

[ ] Title page, How to Play, copyright page and My Memories page present and spelled correctly.

[ ] Total page count noted: _____ pages (this is what sizes your spine - confirm the cover matches).

[ ] Interior exported as print-ready PDF, black & white, 8.5 x 11, no bleed.

2 - Cover quality

[ ] Full cover PDF (front + spine + back) downloaded; spine width matches the actual page count.

[ ] Front cover: decade + theme readable at thumbnail size (most buyers see it at 1 inch tall).

[ ] Back cover text filled in: what the book is, who it is for, puzzle count, large print callout.

[ ] No spelling errors anywhere on the cover (check the subtitle twice - it is the most embarrassing typo).

3 - AI-generated content disclosure (do this truthfully)

KDP asks whether your book contains AI-generated content. Because word lists and Memory Lane questions come from an AI chat answer, answer this question honestly at upload time - 'AI-assisted' is the truthful choice when an AI helped create content. A wrong answer here risks

your whole KDP account; the 30 seconds of honesty are non-negotiable.

[ ] Recorded the disclosure answer I gave for this book: _____

4 - The Amazon listing (this sells the book)

[ ] Title contains decade + format + audience: e.g. '1960s TV Shows Large Print Word Search for Seniors'.

[ ] Subtitle adds a differentiator (Memory Lane pages / gift angle) without keyword stuffing.

[ ] Series info filled in so volumes link to each other on the author page.

[ ] Book description: 150-250 words, opens with the reader's decade, mentions Memory Lane pages, large print specs, puzzle count, answer key - and who should gift it.

[ ] Gift occasions covered (birthdays, Mother's/Father's Day, Christmas).

[ ] Author name = pen name; 'About the Author' bio set.

[ ] Publication date set; edition number added if this is a reissue.

5 - Keywords and categories

[ ] 7 backend keyword slots filled, each under 50 characters, no repeated words from the title.

[ ] At least 3 keywords include the decade ('1950s', 'large print word search seniors', 'nostalgia puzzle book').

[ ] At least 1 keyword targets gift buyers ('gift for grandma', 'mothers day gift seniors').

[ ] Requested 2-3 specific KDP categories (beyond the auto-assigned ones) via Author Central / support request.

[ ] Checked that chosen categories actually contain competing puzzle books - never an empty category.

6 - Pricing and royalties

Puzzle books in the themed tier sell around $12.99-$14.99 in print (the vendor's own research puts themed books with extras at $13.99-$14.99). Price in this shelf, not the $4.99 bulk shelf - your Memory Lane angle is what justifies it.

[ ] Print price set at $_____ (60% royalty on paperback after print costs - royalty math done before publishing).

[ ] Checked KDP's print cost for my page count; royalty math done before publishing.

[ ] Kindle version priced separately (or KDP Select decision made deliberately).

7 - Proof and launch

[ ] Used KDP's online previewer and fixed every flagged margin/spine issue.

[ ] Ordered a physical proof copy of book one before publishing the series (large print must be checked on paper).

[ ] Launch bonuses' Listing Kit worksheet completed for this volume.

[ ] Gift-season timing checked against the planner - published ahead of the season, not during it.

[ ] Added the book to the series tracker (see Decade Theme Series Planner, bonus #1) and marked it done.

Every box ticked? Publish. Your book now has a readable interior, an honest listing, discoverable keywords and a price the market supports. The tool made it fast - this checklist makes it good.