Puzzle Book Quality Checklist

25-point pre-publish check for KDP puzzle books — a Pickzox bonus for Kids Activity Book Engine buyers

Run every book through this list before you hit publish. Each check prevents a real rejection or one-star review.

Answers & Puzzles

1. ■ Every maze has exactly one valid solution path (solved by hand or computed).
2. ■ Every word search word actually appears in its grid, spelled correctly.
3. ■ Every scramble unscrambles to a real, correctly spelled word.
4. ■ Odd-one-out answers are unambiguous — no debatable items.
5. ■ Answer key section exists at the back and every answer matches its puzzle.
6. ■ Puzzles are numbered and answer keys reference the same numbers.
7. ■ Difficulty matches the stated age range (tested with a real child if possible).

Interior Formatting

8. ■ Interior PDF is 8.5 x 11 inches (or your chosen trim size) on every page.
9. ■ Margins: at least 0.375 inch inside (gutter), 0.25 inch outside, top, bottom.
10. ■ No content crosses into the bleed or safety margin zones.
11. ■ One puzzle per page; no split puzzles across page breaks.
12. ■ Page numbers present and sequential; no duplicated or skipped numbers.
13. ■ Fonts embedded in the PDF (no missing-font warnings in KDP preview).
14. ■ Black-and-white interior has no accidental color pages (avoids color print fees).

Cover

15. ■ Cover PDF built with KDP's cover calculator for your exact page count.
16. ■ Spine width matches the final page count — recheck after any page change.
17. ■ Title, subtitle, and age range readable at thumbnail size.
18. ■ Back cover has a short description and (optionally) a barcode area left clear.

Metadata & Upload

19. ■ Title includes puzzle type + age (e.g. “Mazes for Kids Ages 6-8”).
20. ■ All 7 KDP keyword slots filled with specific phrases, not single generic words.
21. ■ Two categories chosen; both are puzzle/activity categories, not generic.
22. ■ Age range set correctly in KDP metadata (affects also-bought placement).
23. ■ Physical proof copy ordered and reviewed before approving for sale.
24. ■ Look-inside preview checked: first pages hook a browsing parent.
25. ■ Series potential noted: same format can repeat for new themes and ages.

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