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→ Picture Book/Fiction

SAMPLE PICTURE BOOK MANUSCRIPT FORMAT

Use one-inch margins on top, bottom, and sides, 12-point type, double spacing. Use a common font such as Times New Roman, Calibri, etc.

Title midway down, all
caps, boldface. Followed
by byline.

COWBOY CHRISTMAS
By Rob Sanders

Indent paragraphs. Follow
all rules of grammar,
punctuation, and spelling.

→ “Three days ‘til Christmas,” Dwight said.

“And we’re stuck with cows,” Darryl added.

“Santy Claus will never find us out on the range,” Dub moaned.

Cookie stirred the beans.

“No presents,” Dwight said.

“No stockings,” Darryl replied.

“No Santy,” Dub groaned.

“Time for supper, cowhands,” Cookie called.

The cowboys hunkered ‘round the campfire and Cookie doled out plates.

“When I was knee-high to a grasshopper, my daddy chopped down an evergreen for our Christmas tree,” Dwight said. “We decorated that tree with popcorn and shiny icicles.”

← Optional: Double-double
space to indicate a change
of scene, where you sense
page turns will be, etc.
Pagination is not required,
but you may include it
if you wish.

“You could decorate a tree,” Cookie mumbled, serving up beans and cornbread.

“Great idea!” Dwight whooped.

“We’ll help,” Darryl said.

“Santy loves Christmas trees!” Dub shouted.

Dwight lassoed the only tree he could find—a cactus.

Darryl pitched on hay-cicles.

Dub hung cans of corn. “No corn popper,” he explained.

Then the cowboys stood back to admire the Christmas cactus.

“Ain’t much,” Dwight admitted.

“Down right ugly,” Darryl added.

“Santy can’t put presents under that,” Dub whined.

“Off to bed, cowpokes,” Cookie said.

The next day, the cowboys roped steers, wrestled longhorns, and wrangled up strays.

That night, they circled ‘round the campfire again.

“Every Christmas,” Darryl began, “Granny baked sugar cookies then heaped on sticky frosting and sugary sprinkles.” [[ART: A memory bubble above Darryl’s head.]]

“You could make sugar cookies,” Cookie muttered, pouring coffee.

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