A Book Template

A considered starting point

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Preface

This starter is designed for a short monograph, lecture text, or personal book. The page is deliberately restrained: a comfortable measure, generous chapter openings, and enough front and back matter for a complete manuscript.

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Chapter 1

A Clear Beginning

Every book has a promise to its reader. State that promise early, then give each chapter one job. A strong structure is easier to revise when the source mirrors the finished work.

1.1 The shape of a chapter

Use sections sparingly and reserve them for meaningful changes of subject. Lists, quotations, and small tables can break up an argument without turning the page into a dashboard.

> Leave room for the reader to think.

Chapter 2

Working Notes

This layout supports prose, references, illustrations, and appendices without requiring a custom class. Replace the sample content and adjust the paper dimensions in the preamble when your printer or publisher requires a different trim size.

2.1 A small checklist

1. Define the intended reader and the book's promise.
2. Give every chapter a distinct purpose.
3. Check the table of contents and running heads after revision.

Appendix A

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Use appendices for material that supports the main text but would interrupt its flow, such as a glossary, method, or extended table.

Colophon

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