

## The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

### The Front Pages

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Look at the following pictures which are all front page designs for the novel *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*

1. Insert picture of cover of boy wearing striped pyjamas available at:  
[http://ecx.images-amazon.com/images/I/51EW3496B5L\\_SL500\\_AA240.jpg](http://ecx.images-amazon.com/images/I/51EW3496B5L_SL500_AA240.jpg)

2. Insert picture of cover of two boys wearing striped pyjamas available at:  
<http://www.randomhouse.com.au/system%20pictures/1462302952.jpg>

3. Insert picture of cover of pair of folded pyjamas available at:  
[http://ecx.images-amazon.com/images/I/51370XM24L\\_SL500\\_AA240.jpg](http://ecx.images-amazon.com/images/I/51370XM24L_SL500_AA240.jpg)

4. Insert picture of cover of stripes available at:  
[http://www.puffin.co.uk/static/images/boy\\_in\\_striped\\_pyjamas.jpg](http://www.puffin.co.uk/static/images/boy_in_striped_pyjamas.jpg)

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Thinking about the covers

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1. What, if any, similarities do you notice between the images? What does this suggest to you?
2. In pictures 1, 2 and 3 do the striped pyjamas look well cared for or new? Why do you think this might be?
3. What do you think is the significance of having a number on the pyjama top?
4. Why do you think we can only see part of the boys' faces in pictures 1 and 2? Does it matter that we can't see all their faces? What does it suggest about who they are? Do you think the designers of the book covers are trying to 'tell' us something by doing this?
5. Why is it children in the pictures rather than adults?
6. What difference does it make that there is one boy in picture 1 but two in picture 2? Knowing that this is the same book what message might the designers be trying to show us?
7. Why do you think the pyjamas are neatly folded in picture 3?
8. What might be the significance of there being nobody in picture 3?
9. Why is picture 4 just stripes, with no children and no pyjamas?
10. Even though you might not have read the book or know what it is about, which book cover do you find the most powerful and which the least effective? Give reasons for your decisions.