

The Last Book Outline Template You Will Ever Need

Welcome!

1. Navigate to the top left menu, click file, click save as, and then choose your preferred download option. (PDF works great to print out if you like pen and paper!)
2. For a detailed rundown of each item in this book outline template, go here: <https://jmring.com/how-to-outline-a-book/>
3. Get this outline to 70% complete and then write the darn book already!
4. Good luck!

Checklist

- ☐ Start with Why: Book's Purpose
- ☐ Simply Define Your Target Audience
- ☐ Draft Your Thesis
- ☐ Consider Title Ideas
- ☐ Books to Read/Quote/Reference Within
- ☐ Other Links to Reference
- ☐ Quotes to Add
- ☐ How Will I Sell the Book?
- ☐ Brainstorm Possible Topics to be Sorted
- ☐ Introduction
- ☐ Chapter by Chapter
- ☐ Conclusion
- ☐ Back Matter

Start with Why: Book's Purpose

1. Why am I writing this book?

2. What inspired me to write this book?

3. I have the completed book in my hands, who am I going to give it to and why?

4. What is the primary message or theme I want to convey through my writing?

5. What is unique about my book idea? (And why am I the best person to share this info?)

6. What emotions or feelings do I want my readers to experience while reading my book, and why are these important?

7. What do I want readers to remember most about my book, and why do I believe it is important?

8. What are some personal experiences/stories I may want to share?

9. What is the last call to action in my book?

Target Audience

Who am I writing for and what problem am I helping them solve?

Thesis

What is the principal argument in my book, and how will I get the reader to internalize and implement?

Title Ideas

List out all possible title ideas:

Books to Read/Quote/Reference Within (Comp analysis)

What books are similar to the one I want to write?

Book Titles and Links

1.

Competitive Research

What did book reviewers NOT like about the above books? (Pro tip: Browse by 3-star reviews Goodreads/Amazon.)

1.

What did they appreciate?

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Other Links to Reference

What other information exists on the internet that I need to reference within my book?

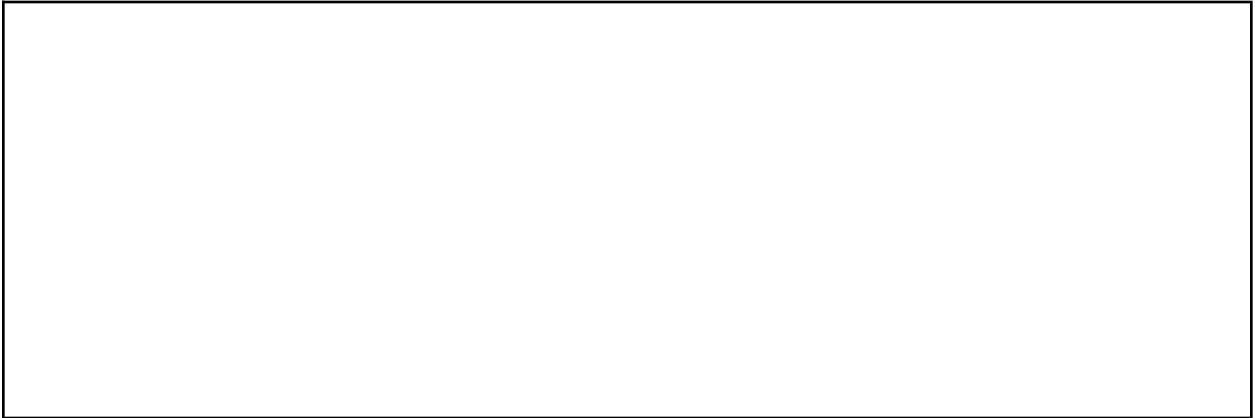
Quotes to Add

What are some of the most relevant quotes I want to add to my book?

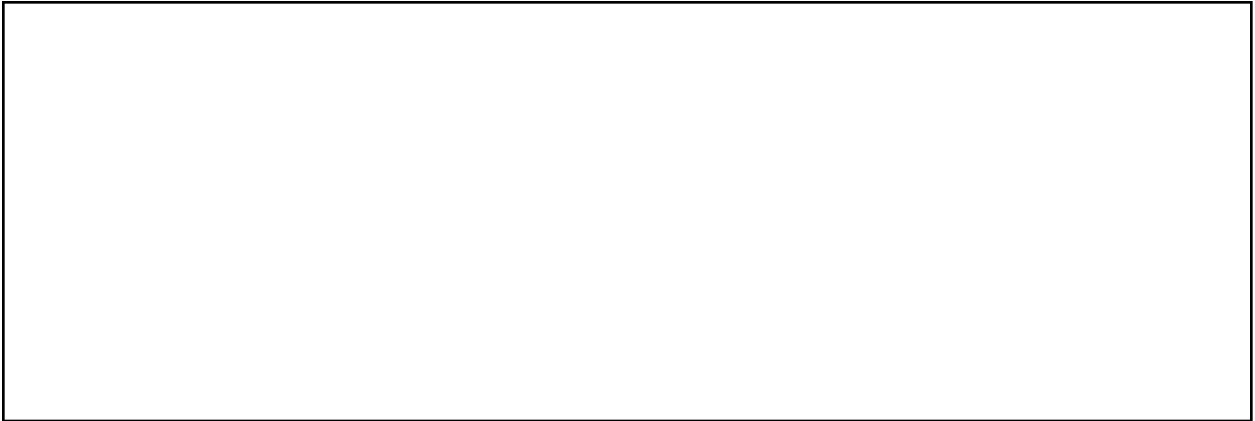
How Will I Sell the Book?

What can I commit to doing to sell my book once it's published?

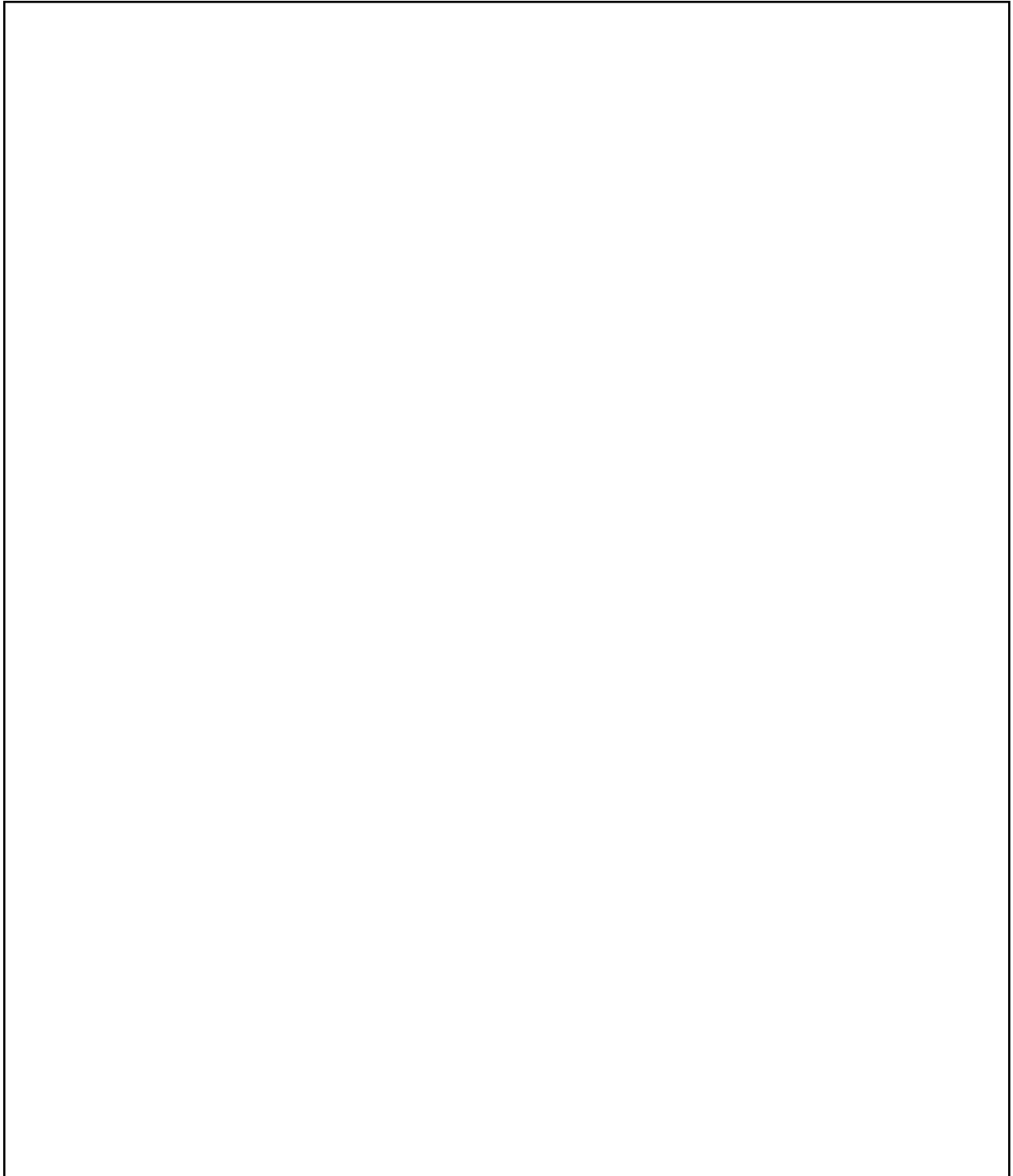
Who will I interview?

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What Questions do people have on this?

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Brainstorm Possible Topics to be Sorted

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Introduction

1. **Hook:**

2. **Background Information**

3. **Thesis Statement**

4. **Scope and Limitations**

5. **Significance**

6. **What the Reader Can Expect**

7. **Call to Read**

Chapter by Chapter

For each chapter:

1. What did I learn about this topic in my own lived experience? (And want to share)
2. Why should the reader care?
3. What impedes implementation?
4. How does the reader need to be convinced (and how do I help them believe?)
5. If they follow the advice in the chapter, what will improve in their lives?

Conclusion

1. Reiterate the purpose of the book
2. List a few major takeaways
3. Conclude with an inspiring hope of what you want the reader's life to look like now that they've read your words.

Back Matter

What types of content do you want in the back of the book?