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
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☐ How Will I Sell the Book?
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Start with Why: Book's Purpose

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?
1.
Other Links to Reference
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 wi	Who will I interview?				
What Q	uestions	do people	have on t	his?	
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Brainstorm Possible Topics to be Sorted

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	cha	pter:
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1.	What did I le	earn about this to	pic in my own live	ed 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

2.	Reiterate the purpose of the book List a few major takeaways Conclude with an inspiring hope of what you want the reader's life to look like now that they've read your words.
Вас	k Matter
What t	types of content do you want in the back of the book?