



### **A Kick in the Pants to Start Writing Your First Book**

Everyone says they want to write a book. But not everyone actually takes action on writing their first book. Join the minority. Take action. Write your first book.

Sometimes people don't write their first book because they don't know where to start. Let me take the mystery out of it for you. If you want to get from point A to point B you must first decide what point B actually is for you. That is exactly what this assignment is all about. Yes, I just gave you homework! You downloaded this free PDF and I had the audacity to give you homework. That is what I am all about. Action. Homework. Getting things done.

### **Your Homework Assignment**

Set aside an hour or two to brainstorm your ideas for the first ten books you want to write. I did this in 2011. Six of the books on that list are on the market today. Even if you think that you only have one book in you, take the time to do this assignment. If you set aside the time to do this homework you may discover ideas that were percolating in the back of your mind without you even noticing.

#### **Get very specific as you write this list.**

- Potential book titles
- Theme of each book (the main subject being discussed or described in the book)
- Audience for each book
- Audience you already have captured for each book
- Why you are uniquely qualified to write each book
- Steps you need to take to write each book
- What material you already have to start any of the books

Okay—that's the list—but the next page has blanks for you to actually write this all out. Print. Write. Set aside the time. Do it. Start Writing.

## **BOOK #1**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

## **BOOK #2**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

### **BOOK #3**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

### **BOOK #4**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

## **BOOK #5**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

## **BOOK #6**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

## **BOOK #7**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

## **BOOK #8**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

## **BOOK #9**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

## **BOOK #10**

**Working Title:**

**Working Subtitle:**

**Theme:**

**Audience:**

**Audience you already have captured:**

Why you are uniquely qualified to write this book:

Steps you need to take to write this book:

What material you already have to start this book:

It is that easy! Put pen to paper to figure out what you want to write first. The next step is to start writing. The honest truth is that anyone can write a book. There is no degree required. No training is mandatory. You don't even need permission. There is no licensing body that provides a standard of training and a certification that declare you a writer.

If you write, you are a writer.

If you blog, you are a blogger and a writer.

If you publish a book, you are a published author.

If you publish a book and win an award for it, you are an award winning author.

It is that simple.

There is not ONE way to write a book other than to start writing.

### **So let's break it down to what you need to get done.**

8 or fewer words are in an average sentence.

50 or fewer words are in an average paragraph.

300 or more words make an average blog post.

375 words are on an average page in a 6x9 book.

30,000 to 50,000 words is the perfect size to self-publish a book that sells for under \$9.99.

Focus on writing at least 1 book page a day. You can write 375 words per day! But if you write 1000 words a day it will take you 30 to 50 days of writing to complete a novel. A thousand words a day is nothing! But let's say you are really busy. If you write 375 words per day, which is one page of a 6x9 book, you would finish writing your book in 80 to 133 days. That is 11 ½ weeks to 19 weeks to a zero draft. That would be a really slow pace, but if you are working everyday towards your goal you'd get there a whole lot faster than just thinking about it.

The point is to set a goal that is difficult to reach, but not impossible. Pick a pace that won't set you up for failure and at the same time will force you to focus on your goal. It is okay to start small. John Grisham had a full time commitment as a lawyer so he wrote one page per day. That is it. One page in Word is approximately 350-385 words. That is it. Have you seen the size of his books? That took some dedication and a goal. Write every day. Create a habit.

### **Want to learn more?**

- Check out the Resource page on [Selah-Press.com](http://Selah-Press.com) for more information on how to be an author-preneur.
- For live and audio classes go to [Selah-Press.com/shop/](http://Selah-Press.com/shop/)
- You can find my book *How to Self-Publish: A Guide for Author-preneurs* by Kayla Fioravanti on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.

