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## Write to the Bank - bringing your book to life

Checklist from concept to reality

1 Determine why you want to write a book
2 Does writing this book align with your purpose in life?
3 Do you have the writing skills to turn your idea into a meaningful book?
4 Why are you qualified to write it? Are you an expert?
5 Have you identified the consistent time required to write this book?
6 Create a Focus - start with what you know and love
7 Clear Premise - identify a need and a proposed solution
8 What are you adding to the writing already available in this area?
9 How is your book presenting Words, Stories, Truth & Transformation?
10 Do you want to create income or just get your message out?
11 How is this book unique? What is your hook?
12 How will this book help the reader?
13 How will this book be tied to other writing and speaking you may do?
14What are the other income generating components of your business?
15 Do you have a website that will support your reputation and brand?
16 Begin a newsletter, blog and/or podcast to build an audience
17 Comment on 3 related blogs daily
18. Find writers groups or literary clubs in your town - connect with other writer

19 Join the Write if Forward group on 48Days.net
20 Complete your Book Proposal
21 Name Your Book
22 Describe the Market for this book
23 Who are 4-5 people who would potentially endorse your book?
24 Send query letters to 15 potential agents
25 Select a Literary Agent (or not)
26 Follow up with agent letters (4-5 days after sending letter)
27 Submit proposal to 15 publishers that would be the best match for your content
28 Follow up with publishers
29 Choose a Publisher (or not)
30 Review 8-10 self-publishing companies
31 Complete the Manuscript
32 Design Cover
33 Review 4-5 Copy Editors
34 Choose a Copy Editor
35 Review 4-5 Layout Editors
36 Select a Layout Editor
37 Get an ISBN and Bar Code
38 Position for Amazon distribution
39 Have a stellar media kit
40 Talk to 4-5 Public Relations pros - consider retaining one for at least first 90 days
41. Create a Press Release

42 Prepare 20, 40, & 60-minute presentations on your book topic
43Contact 15 local civic groups and make yourself available for speaking
44 Consider ebook, Print on Demand (POD), and physical books
45 Print first run of books (100-1000)
46 Give away the first 50 copies to "sneezers" (influential people who will spread the word)
47 Call 10 radio stations for interviews
48 Identify 4-5 tips from 48 Methods and do them consistently with excellence

This will give you a running start for real success with your book