

Greetings. My name is Carol Denbo and I'm the author of six books, including 'A Book Inside, How to Write, Publish, and Sell Your Story'. I'm also the editor of more than 10 websites online to help first-time and seasoned authors write and publish and market their books...

I'm not a publisher and I'm not here to sell you anything. I'm just simply here to help you keep your writing goals. Okay, so whether you're writing a book for your personal use, for family and friends, or a book for resale, I try to help you get started.

Today, my suggestion is 'write your book'. You've had it in your heart. You've had it in your mind for how long, and you haven't sat down to read it yet. You clicked on this video because you want to know how to get started.

I'm going to try to help you with that right now. Okay, so whether you want to write a fiction book, a nonfiction, a fantasy, or mystery, autobiography - anything you want to write, I'm telling you now sit down and write it.

When you're ready to sit down and write, don't ever worry about editing. Don't worry about misspelling words. Don't worry about any of that kind of stuff - just write your book and get it in your keypad. Just keep on writing right till it's done.

You've always wanted to do it and you're never going to be satisfied till you have, or at least attempted it. Then you can say at least you tried to write a book, or maybe you'll end up writing a book, and maybe you'll be a best-seller.

I doubt it but it's good to try. I got all these books on the wall behind me. In fact there's another one - look that way over to the side - so I kind of know as I speak, hopefully have learned something through all this.

Anyway so let's get started. All right. so you're gonna write your book and don't worry about editing. First of all notes. Find a quiet place to write, an extra bedroom office, or even garage. Anywhere away from any family or friends, kids whoever's gonna interrupt you.

Okay, second - set time aside to write. Not ten minutes guys. Ten minutes you can't even get focus. You can't even get your juices flowing. Set aside two hours. Tell yourself every Monday 'oh let's see. I'm off on Monday. okay Monday. all right, the kids are in school perfect from 10:00 to noon. all right everybody I'll sit down and I'll focus'.

Hey, if you do, maybe you sit down and this it's not working for you that time. That's fine too. You're supposed to enjoy your writing. Writing is healthy. Writing relieves stress. Trying to find your time to write - if it works, it works. If it doesn't, it doesn't - move on, the time will come again.

Okay next ... choosing your books topic. Wow, I can't even tell you how important this is, especially if you want to seek a publisher later. You write a book about cars and there are a million books written about cars. Let's get creative. Let's write something nobody's written before.

Let's give the publisher a reason to look and go 'this person's got a creative mind'. Okay so go by demand. Ask yourself these questions, and I'm going to refer to my notes - are there a million books which follow the path of your story or subject that're already out there?

I wish well sure that we need one more - probably not. Okay next - is there even an audience out there who will buy your book? I don't know if you're writing about this wonderful dog that you had, and sad to say, the dog passed away.

Probably not going to find a lot of readers out there in reading audience but you know, write it, feel good about writing it. You've done it, you've accomplished it. That's great. If you want to get it out of there into the real market, it's gonna have to be some demand.

Okay here's a statistic you'll really like. Every hour of every day, every day of every year including Christmas and New Year's, 30 books are released in the US alone. That's not even a world statistic, that's just in the US.

Thus, competition is fierce, just so you know. So if you plan to sell your book to the reading public, make sure folks that there's going to be a market for that book, otherwise you may be wasting your energy, your time, okay?

So write your book. How do I start? How do I begin? I know what I want to write. Writing, it's like a business and just like any business you need a business plan, right? The plan in this case it's going to be the outline for your book.

I'm gonna read this right from here because I wrote it, and it just sounds better. Okay, a well drawn outline will help you focus on your total project outline, your story or information. For fiction book writing, an outline of your plot, when they introduce your characters is half of the story.

That is 'what's the beginning of the story, what's the middle of the story and what's the ending of the story' all placed into chronological order. fFr non-fiction book writing the same applies. Organize your information into logical and useful order. Believe me, when you put down all your titles, your chapter titles, that's a great way to start.

Then just fill in the blanks. It helps keep it all in order, so you don't have to go back and start searching for where does this belong, where does that go. Okay - choosing your title. Oh this is always the fun part. I love picking titles for my books. This is always fun but not only is a catchy title a must for nonfiction and fiction books, but your title words will most likely be used as keywords when someone searches the internet for a book similar to yours.

Once your books complete find an editor ... now you're all done, now it is time to find professional editor. Gotta fix your boo-boos. Okay spellcheck - it's only part of the problem. Spellcheck is not going to completely edit your manuscript, it's gonna spellcheck - and even then a lot of times it's gonna be wrong!

You need a higher professional editor first. Before you do, I suggest that you pre edit your book by reading it to yourself out loud. You are too familiar with your script to read it word by word. When you do that. What's gonna happen is, you're gonna miss them because you wrote it.

You're skimming through. I just want to get this thing edited. I just want to get going. There's one, move on, give it to somebody else. If someone is gonna be honest with you and show you your boo-boos and say 'hey I don't understand this part right here, this didn't just doesn't work for me or doesn't make sense', you need an honest opinion.

Get two get, three, get five and then send it off to a professional editor, which by the way is going to be about somewhere about 300 bucks for 150 page book. That's probably a pretty good deal but I can't I cannot express how important that is.

Okay next, there's just obviously a lot more to this process that I've explained here and I do plan to make future videos on publishing - the process, query letters and marketing your book, which boy if you think writing is a job, when you get down to marketing!

Anyway, if you found this video helpful I'd really appreciate it if you could give me a little 5-star rating so that other new writers can find this video themselves. Okay, I also have a wonderful blog. As a writer and an author you would probably appreciate and get a lot of use out of it. It's called a Book Inside Blog and it is located at <http://abookinside.blogspot.com/>