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Top inquiries from the reps for the week ending 3/4/11

<u>Title</u>	Quantity
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Supermarket Survival Guide	2,000
Book of Doctor Cartoons	500
Bali: A Travel Adventure	150
Grand CaymanCountryside	150

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March 7 7:00 - 8:00 pm Eastern Time

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Notes From the Front Lines

(Excerpted – with permission – from the Book Publishers' Handbook, by Eric Kampmann, President, Midpoint Trade Books ekampmann@aol.com)

The Seven Signposts on the Road to Good Publishing. Publishing books is like taking a journey. You need a map to point the way; or signposts to guide you. For example, when I backpack I look for blazes on trees. Or, if I am above the tree line, I seek out cairns or stone markers that I follow with care so I stay on the trail.

As with any journey, a good publisher knows he must follow certain signposts to successfully produce, sell, and market his books. Ignore an important signpost and you can get lost, or go in the wrong direction. Each marker represents a decision you must make – sometimes on your own or with the advice and counsel of someone with more experience. Over the next five issues of *Book Marketing Matters* I will describe one of seven signposts on the road to good publishing. Here is the fifth.

Sales and Distribution. Sales should really be considered from the beginning – not just when the book is ready to sell. Usually a professional sales team becomes activity involved about 5-6 months before publication, when they can preview the book with accounts and get valuable feedback. That is also when they begin to sell the book in to major accounts. Smaller publishers often hire a distribution company to handle all aspects of the selling process since they have contacts and reach with all the major sales outlets nationwide.

Poynter's Pointers

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eBooks have reached the tipping point. It is time to recognize them with their own awards. The Global eBook Awards are designed to bring attention to the best eBooks in several different categories. This award program was designed by Dan Poynter and his fabulous team. Entrants are not just awarded a winner "sticker" for their eBook, they are also enrolled in a proven eBook promotion program. "eBooks deserve recognition according to their category or genre not as a single format." See http://AwardsForEbooks.com

Ideas for Selling to Corporate Buyers - Guy Achtzehn

(President of The Promotional Bookstore, offering commission-based sales of books to non-bookstore buyers, guy@msgpromo.com)

Sales to corporations can be large in terms of unit sales and revenue. The buyers with whom you will be negotiating are skilled professionals, used to dealing with knowledgeable, competent sales people. You cannot simply wander into buyers' offices and ask them how they use books as premiums. Most probably have never done so. But if you have conducted research and can provide them with some examples, you can collaboratively plan innovative ways to use your content to help your prospects sell more of their products or services.

There are two general areas of interest within a large company for using your content. The first is human resources, with its internal focus on the company's employees. Second, is the marketing department, which is focused externally, on the company's customers and prospects. Smaller companies may not have these formal departments, so you will have to find the appropriate decision maker(s).

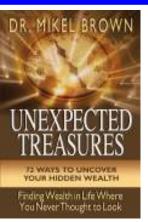
The Cover Story - Michele DeFilippo

(Your cover is a critical part of your marketing effort. Contact Michele at 1106 Design today for book cover design with hand holding. (602) 866-3226 or http://www.1106design.com)

Unexpected Treasures: Finding Wealth in Life Where You Never Thought to Look

by Mikel Brown

This book teaches those who may be "stuck" that wishing for better results in life requires more than wishful thinking; it's necessary to change old habits and adopt new actions to reach goals. The image of the compass symbolizes that there are many possible paths to success. The the light rays indicate that every path represents a potential opportunity for improvement, once a first step is taken in a new direction.



Legal Matters That Matter to Writers – Professor Tonya M. Evans

(Contact Professor Evans at Legal Write Publications, info@legalwritepublications.com or www.legalwritepublications.com; The information contained in this column is for general informational and educational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. If you need advice regarding a specific legal matter, you should consult a lawyer as each case is fact-specific.)

You must register copyright in you work if you want to file an infringement suit in court. In addition, if you register, the Copyright Act gives you the following advantages:

- ✓ If registration is made before or within five years of publication, registration establishes prima facie evidence in court of the validity of the copyright and of the facts stated in the registration certificate.
- ✓ If registration is made within three months after publication of the work or before an infringement of the work, you may receive statutory damages and awards of attorney's fees in court actions. Otherwise, only an award of actual damages and profits is available to the copyright owner. As a practical matter, it is often very difficult to prove actual damages; thus statutory damages and attorney fees are a valuable benefit of registration.
- → The copyright owner can record the registration with the U.S. Customs Service for protection against the importation of infringing copies.

Contrary to popular belief, the Copyright Office ordinarily does not compare copyright registration forms with existing deposit copies or registration records to determine whether works submitted for registration are similar to any material for which a registration of a copyright claim already exists. Therefore, the records of the

Copyright Office may contain any number of registrations for works describing or illustrating the same underlying idea, method, or system.

The Book Shepherd

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Online Book Promotion -- Dana Lynn Smith

(Book marketing coach Dana Lynn Smith is the author of *The Savvy Book Marketer's Guide to Successful Social Marketing* and several other book marketing guides, available at http://www.SavvyBookMarketer.com. For more book marketing tips, visit her blog at http://www.TheSavvyBookMarketer.com and follow @BookMarketer on Twitter.)

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You're On The Air

(Lori Dolney Levine, Senior Talent Executive, Fox After Breakfast)

I want people who are animated, with a loud voice but not screaming, articulate but not pompous.

Kremer's Korner

(Excerpted - with permission - from John Kremer's Sixth Edition of 1001 Ways to Market Your Books. Contact John at http://www.bookmarket.com)

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Author 101

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Publicity works best when you distinguish yourself and your book and show others why it's so special and a must read. It's the perfect opportunity to be creative; your only limits are those you impose on yourself. Unfortunately, many of us have been sold the bill of goods that publicizing our efforts or ourselves is crass, undignified, and not what respectable people do—which is just plain wrong. According to that thinking, we should sit back and wait for the world to recognize and applaud us; do nothing but let nature take its course. However, doing nada doesn't sell books! You need to take over, to grab the reins and actively work to get publicity for your book. As master showman P. T. Barnum said, "A terrible thing happens without publicity . . . NOTHING."

The Very Idea

(Editorial by Brian Jud)

Sometimes we get so carried away talking about selling to bookstores, corporations, associations or schools that we forget that we are really marketing to people. They are consumers who are not necessarily looking to buy a book, but for some way to solve a problem, learn something or be entertained.

You could sell more of your books if you can answer two questions honestly. First, how often do people think about your book? Second, how often do people think about their own problems? You will probably agree that people think more about how they can solve their problems, learn something, improve themselves or be entertained than they do about your book. However, if you can show them how they can help themselves in some way by reading your book you are likely to increase your sales and revenue.



Booklet Ideas - Paulette Ensign

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Choose your publishing vendors based on a variety of qualities. It's also easiest when they have experience in what you want done. It may not be worth your time to teach them what to do. They may also be unqualified to do booklets, that they don't know the particular writing style or have a printing press unsuited to booklet production, or are more of a proofreader than an editor or that they do more elaborate graphic design than you need. They must do good work and also be high in integrity, doing what they say they'll do when they said they'd do it. Their price needs to be reasonable so it suits your requirements. They need to be easy to deal with. Each vendor contributes to how your expertise goes out into the world.

ACTION: Identify the vendors you need in the order you need them. Ask for referrals from people who have done booklets. Comparison shop until you feel you have the best vendor for you and your booklet.

Pam's Publicity

(By Pam Lontos, Owner of the publicity firm PR/PR and author of *I See Your Name Everywhere*; sign up for free publicity tips at www.prpr.net)

Take Time to Prepare for the Interview. Whether you're meeting the reporter for a cup of coffee or conducting the interview over the phone, you must be prepared. Before the interview begins, write three to five main points that you want to cover on an index card. That way you won't struggle with an answer during the interview and you won't forget to mention any important topics.

Book-Marketing Tips - Roger C. Parker

(Roger C. Parker is the \$32 Million Dollar Author. Test your Book Publishing IQ at his www.publishedandprofitable.com)

We all know that business is incredibly competitive today. It's important to be good at your craft and deliver superior service, but these things alone are no longer enough to ensure your continued success. Those who make the most money in any field, industry, or profession are not necessarily those who have the most knowledge, are most experienced in their craft, or sell the highest quality service. No, those who make the most money, charge the top fees, and are constantly in demand are those who are best at selling and marketing themselves!

Marketing Planning

(Excerpted from Brian Jud's e-booklet, *Plan Your Work and Work Your Plan: 461 Tips for Profitable Marketing Planning;* www.bookmarketing.com)

Your purpose establishes your foundation. Your plan translates this vision into the physical impetus that fuels your sustaining passion. Your mission may be to make obscene amounts of money or to become the world's largest publisher. But such missions will rarely sustain your passion along the arduous path towards their accomplishment.

Marketing Strategy

(Excerpted from Brian Jud's e-booklet, *The Buck Starts Here: 635 Tips for Creating Successful Marketing Strategy;* www.bookmarketing.com)

If you are publishing a book to make a quick profit, you may be making a mistake because successful book marketing requires a long-term perspective and persistence.

Thrifty Author – Gail Z. Martin

(Gail Z. Martin, author of *The Thrifty Author's Guide to Launching Your Book <u>gail@dreamspinnercommunications.com</u> or www.GailMartinMarketing.com)*

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Guest Columnist - Janet Lawler

Picture Books – Who's Buying? Those writing and publishing for children need to think about who is making purchasing decisions. What is the best way to reach those people? If you write picture books, purchasers will include parents, grandparents, librarians, and teachers, among others. That does not mean you should write the story for them. Often, kids will be consulted, "which book do you want, Johnny?" Or a book or two will be browsed, or read to a child, before an adult makes a decision. Ideally, a book's cover will be eye-catching—picking up a book is the first step toward a purchase. The art, topic, and title should pull in both children and adults. You want a child to say, "Read it again, Mommy!" And if the adult wants to, it's likely other sales will be made by word-of-mouth recommendations. [Another column will cover decision-makers for mid-grade and YA novels]

Helpful Website of the Week - Adele M. Annesi

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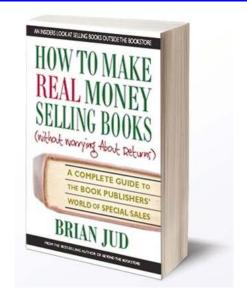
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