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Registration Deadline: February 1, 2019 Books Due Deadline: February 8, 2019

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#### **APSS Bi-Weekly Top Ten List**

Ten Types of Innovation (Harvard Business Review)

- 1. Business model how your company makes money
- 2. Networking working with distribution partners to make your offering distinctive
- 3. Performing capabilities you typically buy from others (or vice versa)
- 4. Proprietary process that adds value
- 5. Product performance does your content deliver on your promise?
- 6. Service performance does your service meet customers' needs?
- 7. The extended system surrounding an offering (consulting, seminars)
- 8. Communicating benefits to potential customers
- 9. Creating an integrated customer experience (content and delivery)
- 10. Branding how does the marketplace perceive and value what you have to offer

## Wizard of Oz Marketing By Brian Jud



Many first-time authors apply Wizard of Oz marketing. Once their book is published, they start with whirlwind activity but soon find themselves in unfami territory. Initially, they are not sure where they want to go, but eventually find a path to reach their goal. There are many obstacles along the way, but there is als support if they look for it.

Authors soon learn they need to think through the journey, create a plan and learn new skills for marketing and sales. They also need the courage to do what

is necessary to reach their goals, such as moving out of their comfort zone to call buyers and overcome rejection. They also need heart, with enthusiasm, self-motivation, creativity and commitment.

Once they reach their goal all the activity becomes familiar and routine, and they feel at home with their new-found intelligence, bravery and passion. Yes, there is no place like home.

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# Excerpt from Write Your Book in A Flash The Paint-By-Numbers System to Write the Book of Your Dreams—Fast! By Dan Janal

A picture, they say, is worth a thousand words. Cartoons can add humor, which is always appreciated. Both graphic elements make your book more attractive and more accessible to readers. You can draw stick figure cartoons. Or you can insert your pictures.

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#### **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)

Organize your book's table of contents in a simple and elegant way. You've probably heard about Jeff Howe's book *Crowdsourcing: Why the Power of the Crowd Is Driving the Future of Business* which describes the growth of social media marketing. One of *Wired! Magazine's* most influential articles, and a very talked about book, *Crowdsourcing* has a deceptively simple content plan:

- Part 1: Where We've Been
- Part 2: Where We Are
- Part 3: Where We're Going

Each part contains 2 to 5 chapters. Although an 11-chapter book might appear long, the 3-part division of the chapters creates a series of "landmarks" that provides a context for each chapter as well as organizes the reader's journey through the books--just like it probably aided the author when writing the book.

**Question**: Are you using sections to organize your book's content?

#### **Leadership and Growth Concepts – Tom Hill**

(Founder and CEO of the Eagle Goal Coach, an organization devoted solely to assisting others find and follow their life's passion. Tom can be reached via e-mail at tom@tomhillwebsite.com)

What happens when you mention the phrase, "It worked so well, I stopped doing it," in a room of business professionals? They shake their heads up and down as an act of validation, and then they smile and laugh. I am here to tell you, THAT PHRASE IS NOT FUNNY. "It worked so well, I stopped doing it" is a complete sign of mental weakness. Moving forward, set a mental toughness goal for yourself to adopt the mentality of "it worked so well that I continued to do it." This may seem like a no-brainer, but the mental weakness mentality is more common than you may think. When normal people achieve success, they have the tendency to stop doing the activities that caused the success. This is called the "seduction of success." When mentally tough people achieve success, they use the positive momentum of success to improve their process.

#### **Answers to Your Questions About Non-Bookstore Marketing**

(If you have a question about selling books to non-bookstore buyer, send it to BrianJud@bookmarketing.com and he will answer it here)

"I write science fiction and it's tough to sell. Any tips?" Edward Filer

Edward, here is some information in my brief article, "Science Fiction Can Help Us Create the Real Future" that you may find helpful.

When seeking creative ideas, our built-in biases can prevent us from seeing new possibilities. We only develop opportunities related to the status quo, that which is somewhat familiar.

Science fiction can help remove the creative boundaries by providing the inspiration for innovation. It helps us engage in mental time travel and allows us to dream about what may be possible. Consider some life-changing breakthroughs science fiction has envisioned or inspired: cell phones (based on Star Trek communicators), credit cards (a feature of a futuristic society in a 19th century novel by Edward Bellamy), self-driving cars (foreseen by Isaac Asimov), robots (conceived by Karel Capek), ear buds (a fictional invention by Ray Bradbury), and atomic power (imagined by H. G. Wells).

Lowes visualized a new retail future with augmented reality and robotics by giving customer and technology data to a panel of science fiction writers and asked them to imagine what Lowes might look like in five or ten years.

As a result of the project, Lowes became the first retailer to deploy fully autonomous robots for customer service and inventory, create some of the first 3D printing services, and helped place a 3D printer on the International Space Station. It also created exosuits (external robotic skeletons) for employees unloading trucks and came up with the first augmented reality phone for planning remodeling work.

There are few ways to sell science fiction in places other than bookstores. Use the imagination that created your story to help you sell it.

#### Spotlight on a Course in Book Selling University



Book Selling University has courses to help you produce better books and sell more of them. This week's featured course is BSU – 183: Publish or Perish: Publishing for Faculty Scholars in Higher Education: Know Before You Sign. See it and more at <a href="https://bit.ly/2IAQn55">https://bit.ly/2IAQn55</a> View it (and all others) up to 5 times

### Marketing Strategy (Editorial by Brian Jud)



Retailers (including bookstores) don't sell books. They display products that will make a profit for them every month. If your book doesn't contribute sufficiently to that profit, it is replaced and returned for full credit. You sprint for 60 - 90 days to meet their expectations, and if successful, for every month thereafter that it is profitable. However, sales to corporate buyers take longer to occur, perhaps even years, but they are larger in quantity and non-returnable. These buyers are willing to invest for long-term profitability. So, non-retail sales are more of a

marathon than a sprint, but with no finish line.

## Ideas for Selling to Non-Bookstore Buyers – Guy Achtzehn (President of The Promotional Bookstore, offering commission-based sales of books non-bookstore buyers, guy@msgpromo.com)



A very successful orchestra arranger from Los Angeles was asked how he got to be in the top of his profession. He said he wasn't the most talented or creative but when he put himself in positions of being asked to do a task he always rose to the challenge. In the process, he became very, very good at what he loves to do. His first step was to improve his education to the point that he could fake-it-till-he-made-it. Then he took the action step of moving to L.A. Then he networked with the people who could give him a break. Then he blew his own horn and let everyone know what it was he wanted. He got it.

You can, too, by selling your books to corporate buyers.

#### **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)



Here is a different approach for a start-up business from the *Harvard Business Review* (May-June, 2018 p 53): "Codesigning products with customers is a better path to success than writing a business plan... Every start-up's principal task is to search for a scalable opportunity – an entirely experiential learning process that is not amenable to a pre-articulated strategy... entrepreneurs should develop a

'minimally viable product' in order to obtain customer feedback as early as possible."

#### Don't Be Scared of the Boogeyman in Your Head By Nancy Erickson

(https://thebookprofessor.com/contact)



In 24 hours, millions of children will be dressed up in their favorite Halloween costume to go trick-or-treating. And they'll be adorable! But do you know what I haven't seen? The boogeyman. I *know* you remember the boogeyman. The funny thing is, I can't exactly explain who or what he was, but I was terribly afraid of him. I eventually grew out of my boogeyman phobia and sleep quite peacefully at night these days. As the Book Professor, I need my brain to be at full capacity! But do you know what I still struggle with from time to time? Negative thoughts. To me, that's like having a "boogeyman" in my head. Negative thoughts—if they go unchecked—can invoke fear, anxiety, allow toxic

emotions to reign, and prevent me from living my life to its fullest. It wasn't until I learned to change these thoughts that I became free to be the person God created me to be.

#### Change Your Thoughts and Say "Boo!" to the Boogeyman

What we innately believe about ourselves can be the driving force behind the decisions we make. As a child, my family moved around a lot due to my father's corporate job. I was always the new girl and it wasn't easy. Every place we moved was so different. What were the rules here? Who could I trust? Who should I be?

It was important that I figure things out before I shared myself in any way. I needed to learn the rules and customs and behaviors in a new place, so I could mimic them and fit in. I became a completely different person every time we moved, and I adopted new personas to match what I saw in others. That's when I developed my three most crippling self-defeating beliefs:

- 1. If people know who I really am, they won't like me.
- 2. No one cares about me.
- 3. I don't matter.

4.

It's been a long time since I was twelve years old, and I wish I could say that those internal messages disappeared with my youth, but they did not. To the contrary, these became my core beliefs about myself, and they kept me in chameleon mode for far too much of my life. These negative beliefs caused me to neglect myself and my own needs, to marry an abusive husband, to work in a career that I hated (before I found my calling as The Book Professor), to be underdeveloped as a human being, and to live a life of crippling anxiety — always trying to figure out what to do, who to be, how to act.

With the help of some good therapy, journaling, and a daily practice of meditation, I've worked through these issues, have changed my thoughts and can officially say: the "boogeyman" is out of my head.

#### **Recognize the Lies We Tell Ourselves**

As The Book Professor, I help people write books that change lives, save lives, and transform society. But it's the people that I sadly meet that don't believe they have anything to offer that's worthy of writing about in a book that breaks my heart. When you've built your life on a lie, it's hard to overcome that thinking. The lie becomes the truth and the truth becomes a lie. I believe it's the lies we tell ourselves that prevent us from doing the things we were meant

to do and for which we are gifted. I don't know what lies you tell yourself, but I know the truth. You do matter. You are important. You can help other people. And once you change your thoughts, recognize the lies you've told yourself over the years, you too can break free from negative thoughts and finally put that boogeyman out of your head forever.

What about you? If you or someone you know is ready to break free from negative thoughts and give hope and help to others by sharing your story, please contact us today!

#### 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)

Direct mail can be an effective way to reach the person responsible for buying new titles at bookstores. Surveys show that chain store buyers rely on brochures and flyers as a major means for finding out about new titles

#### You're On The Air

(Steve Harrison, President, Bradley Communications Corporation)

Give listeners an incentive to call. For example, you can say, "Call this 800 number to order my book and I will send a free report." You've just given them more of a reason to drop everything and order today.

#### Helpful Website of the Week – Adele M. Annesi

(Adele is a freelance editor and writer. Contact <u>a.annesi@sbcglobal.net</u>, or visit <u>http://www.adeleannesi.com/Word-for-Words--LLC.html</u>)

#### **Scriptologist**

www.scriptologist.com/Directory/Agent/Literary/Literary3/literary3/literary3.html

This site combines the three most powerful elements of online marketing — content, commerce and community — for those in screenwriting.



The Very Idea
(Editorial by Brian Jud)

You know where you are now in terms of your sales goals, but where do you want to be at the end of 2019? Goals are the foundation of a solid marketing plan. They provide a target at which to aim, the standard against which you can gauge your company's progress. They divide your vision statement into manageable steps and provide a path to its realization. And written goals provide a means for looking back to see how far you have come. Goal setting is a tool, and like any other tool it is useless if used incorrectly. Yet, goals are worthless unless they are...

- ... clear, specific, measurable, time-sensitive and written.
- ... realistic.
- ... arranged hierarchically.
- ... part of a plan.
- ... followed up and make them work.
- ... focused on the solution and not the problem.
- ... set when you are in a positive frame of mind..
- ... derived from a sense of purpose.
- ... flexible.

Use goal setting as the tool it was meant to be, part of the process that transforms your vision statement into reality.



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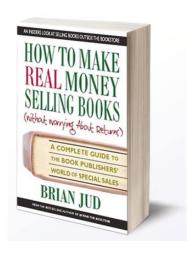
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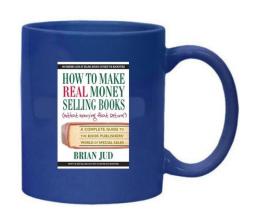


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