

Timeline

CHEATSHEET



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Writing Non-fiction: research can lengthen the process, but once you get to the writing phase, plan for a minimum of six months to one year after initial research is completed.

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Writing Fiction: research is also involved in fiction, but typically comes before writing. Plan for a minimum of six months.

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Writing Children's Books: writing a children's book can be done in one sitting if you're inspired! But don't get too hasty. Illustrations and editing can be a lengthy process. Set a reasonable goal of six months!

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Writing Journals or "Tips and Tricks" books: this can be the quickest path to publishing! You'll still need editing and proofreading, so plan for a minimum of three months!

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Editing: finding a good editor is key! Working with a professional editor should be done after you have written several drafts and gone through beta reading. Allow for a 2-3 month editing process.

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Proofreading: proofreading comes after developmental editing and is the final phase! Allow for one month of final edits!