Gundi's Must-Have Launch Kit



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All resources listed in this guide can be accessed directly via the <u>clickable</u>, <u>underlined pink links</u>.

Where applicable, I've put my personal affiliate link. Of course, I only recommend products I personally use and have had success with. Absolutely, only the best and most efficient to fast track everyone's success!

For ease of use, I recommend saving a copy of this pdf to your computer and refer to it as needed. That way you don't have to manually type in urls.

Have FUN...:)

Tools to Research Sub Niches & Topics

These tools can also be used for book topic research or any other type of content (blog posts, podcasts, Youtube, social media, etc.)

Conduct Surveys with your mailing list/exiting clients:

• Wufoo

Getting Ideas:

- Google Trends
- <u>GoogleCorrelate</u>
- Google Auto Suggest (see video)
- Souvle
- <u>UberSuggest</u>
- <u>KeywordTool.io</u>
- Answer the Public
- Wikipedia
- Alltop
- Buzzsumo
- Podcasts

Hear from your clients directly:

- Find a Forum
- or Google your niche + "forum" or "discussion"
- Quora
- Sub Reddits
- Google your niche, plus "blog" look through comments
- Facebook comments (and other social media relevant to your niche)

Gauge monetization potential (are products sold in that subniche, esp. informational products like books, courses, softwares)

- <u>Udemy</u>
- Clickbank
- Amazon (for products in your niche, not just books)

Validate Final Candidates:

- Google Keyword Planner
- How to set up Google Keyword Planner
- Moz Bar
- Backlinko

Publishing Resources

The 2 MUST-Have Tools for Amazon Publishing Success:

- KDSpy
- KDP Rocket

Proper Keyword, Category & Topic/Market Research is crucial for the long term success of your books. These 2 softwares make that process not only possible, but also fun & lightning fast!

Writing Tools:

- <u>Scrivener</u>
- <u>Transcription Service</u>
- <u>Dragon Naturally Speaking</u>
- HARO (for networking, quotes, expert feedback, information)

Cover Designers:

- 99 Designs
- <u>Damonza</u> (get 5% off with coupon code: DREAMCLIENTS)
- <u>Littera Designs</u>
- Wageedah in the Facebook Group
- <u>PickFu</u> (*Test Titles and Covers on Real Audience*)

Craft Winning Titles:

- 10 Step Title Blueprint Worksheet
- <u>PickFu</u> (*Test Titles and Covers on Real Audience*)

Editors:

- The Language Agent
- Reedsy
- Writership
- <u>Upwork</u>

Formatting to ePub & Print:

- Hynek Palatin
- <u>Vellum</u> (you can use \$5 Fiverr gigs instead of buying the software)

Uploading Kindle & Print Versions:

- Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP)
- <u>Createspace (for print books)</u>

Comparison of POD Platforms:

- KDP Print vs. Createspace (article)
- Kindlepreneur Podcast

Book Descriptions (Amazon Book Page):

- <u>Book Description Generator</u> (format bold/italic/underline/headers)
- KDP Meta Data Rules
- Words that Sell: The 10 Most Influential Words in the English Language
- 317 Power Words
- Check out bestselling book descriptions in your genre and model

Author Central Page:

- Author Central
- Tips for writing a Great Author Bio
- Check out bestselling author bios in your genre and model, especially, by traditional publishers

Building a Launch Team and finding more Book Reviewers:

- Bookrazor (finds reviewers of books similar to yours)
- Author Marketing Club (finds contact info of Top Amazon Reviewers)
- Reviews from Reader's Favorite
- Choosy Bookworm

Prelaunch Marketing Resources:

- Wisestamp (for email signature)
- Newswire (for press release)
- <u>LegalMorning</u> (media outreach)
- <u>Josh Steimle's MWI</u> (media outreach)
- Jon Morrow's Guest Blogging Course
- Quora
- Thunderclap (social media crowdfunding)

Book Tours:

- Book Review Bloggers in your niche (Google "Book Review Blog + your niche")
- Setting up your own Book Tour
- Organizing a Blog Tour

Share your Content (blog posts about your book during launch week):

- <u>Triberr</u>
- Viral Content Bee
- Quuu
- Alltop
- Medium
- <u>StumbleUpon</u>

Add an Audiobook:

- <u>DYI Record yourself</u>
- Professionally Done: ArchangelInk

*** PAID PROMO SERVICES - see next page ***

Recommended Promo Services

(there are MANY more, but most are not very effective. If you find a good one not listed here, please let us know - we'll keep this list updated as much as possible)

FREE Promos (KDP Select & Permafree ONLY):

- *James Mayfield
- *<u>Freebooksy</u>
- *BooksButterfly (much better for free than 99c / "Author Gold for series")
- (KDROI (free submission service for about 20-30 free or 99c promos Chrome Extension, sister product of KDSpy => submitting to all the different free promos only takes 2-3 min. vs. several hours doing it manually NOT for launch week, need to submit at least 7 days before and book needs to be live at the time of submission)

99c Promos - Early Days (pick 1-2 per day):

- *Awesome Gang
- *eBooks Habit
- <u>BKnight</u> w/newsletter (Fiverr Gig)
- <u>Bookkitty</u> (Fiverr Gig)
- BookZio
- ContentMo
- <u>BookTweeters</u>

99c Promos - Middle Days (pick 1-2 per day):

- *Bookrunes
- *BookSends
- KND
- ManyBooks
- Digital Books Today
- BookGorilla
- FreeBooksHub
- (*FussyLibrarian (need to book a month in advance)

99c Promos - Final Days (1 per day - very powerful promos):

- *BargainBooksy
- *Buckbooks
- *RobinReads (might not happen for your 1st launch, but great long term!)
- *<u>FKTB</u> (same as Robin Reads)
- <u>BookButterfly</u> (sometimes good/sometimes not see my comments in the video)

Postlaunch Marketing

Add an Audiobook:

- Audiobooks made Easy (record your own Audiobooks)
- Archangel Ink (outsource)

Evergreen PR:

- Guest Podcasting Mastery
- Guest Blogging Course (Jon Morrow)
- Pinterest for Authors
- Quora for Authors

Promos & Ads:

- Promo services PDF
- AMS (Amazon Book Ads)
- Free AMS Course
- Book Ads
- Bookbub

Giveaways, Contests & Quizzes:

• Promote your books with Giveaway Campaigns

- Author Giveaways with Kingsumo and Rafflecopter
- Thrive Quizz Builder
- How to use Quizzes in your Marketing
- <u>Instafreebie</u> (author platform for giveaways)
- Instafreebie Author Case Study

Niche Sites:

• Using Niche Sites to promote non-fiction Books

Events & Summits:

How to run a Facebook Author Event

Translations & Intl. Distribution:

• <u>Pubmatch</u> (partner with foreign publishers)

Publishing on other platforms:

- Kobo
- Nook
- <u>iTunes</u>
- Smashwords
- <u>Draft2Digital</u>

Sassyliscious Brand Explosion

Courses:

• Create Awesome Online Courses (free training)

Podcasting:

• <u>How to start a Podcast</u> (*free training*)

Webinars:

• The Perfect Webinar Script (free)

Youtube:

• Youtube Domination

Affiliate Marketing / Niche Sites:

- <u>Affiliate Bootcamp</u> (free in-depth course by Russell Brunson teaching you to create effective marketing funnels for your products, as well as affiliate products)
- <u>How to start a profitable Niche Site</u> (expand your brand and create passive income streams)

Social Media:

• Social Media Book

SEO:

- SEO Book
- How To Rank in Google Maps (Local SEO)

Blogging:

• How to write Blog Posts that go Viral

Setting up a Website with Landing Page & Mailing List (for lead magnets & subscribers)

Setting up a Wordpress Website:

• Download Gundi's FREE Starter Book

Web Hosting:

• Inmotion (56% Discount)

Landing Page Software & Website Builder (optimized for conversion):

• Thrive Architect (formerly Thrive Content Builder)

Mailing List Provider:

• AWeber

BONUS: Gundi's Everyday Business Tools

Rock on...:)