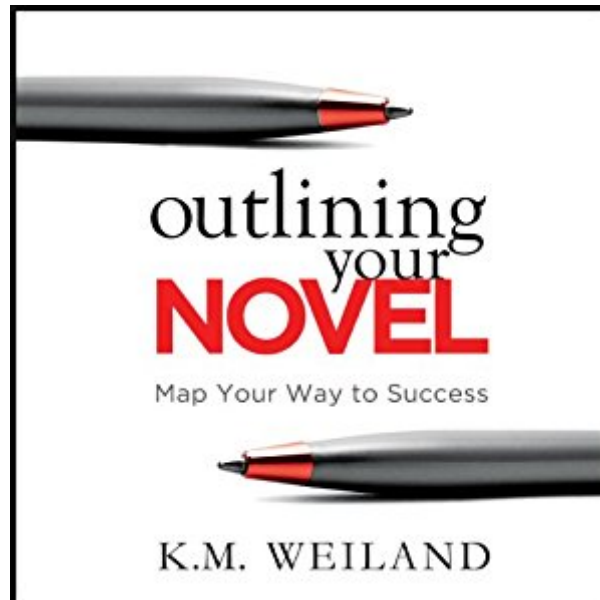


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# Outlining Your Novel: Map Your Way To Success



## Synopsis

Let outlines help you write a better book! Writers often look upon outlines with fear and trembling. But when properly understood and correctly wielded, the outline is one of the most powerful weapons in a writer's arsenal. *Outlining Your Novel: Map Your Way to Success* will:

- Help you choose the right type of outline for you
- Guide you in brainstorming plot ideas
- Aid you in discovering your characters
- Show you how to structure your scenes
- Explain how to format your finished outline
- Instruct you in how to use your outline
- Reveal the benefits:
  - Ensures cohesion and balance
  - Prevents dead-end ideas
  - Provides foreshadowing
  - Offers assurance and motivation
- Dispel misconceptions:
  - Requires formal formatting
  - Limits creativity
  - Robs the joy of discovery
  - Takes too much time

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## Customer Reviews

I can hardly express my appreciation for this book! For the past two years I have been struggling to write an Epic Fantasy novel. I've purchased 45 or more books on writing, and while I have come across my fair share of really good books on writing that made quite a difference for me, I never have come across a book that will be as helpful to me as this one already is. Basically, this book is a step by step guide of how to organize your novel. The brilliant part of it (and what should have been obvious to me already) is how it starts you off writing generic ideas and then ties it in to more detail later. I used to think I had to cram all kinds of detail in (with setting and character) right away. I realized, in the middle of reading this, that the brilliance of keeping things really generic is that it is

not painful to make changes. An example of this is how, in the beginning (during the Crafting the Premise phase) you ask generic questions about your characters such as how the inciting incident will affect your main character. Later, in the General Sketches phase you do short and general character summaries. You also ask questions about how your characters personalities evolve over the course of the story. Then, during the Character Sketches phase, you deal with backstory and past questions. Then later you do 100 question interviews with each character, and get real specific data on these people. The point I am trying to make is that it never would have occurred to me (in a million years) to split up the character questions like that. The questions were all very appropriate given the time they were asked, and the depth of knowledge that was needed to further develop the story at that point.

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