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**When Does Your Idea Become a Book?**

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A “real” book has several things:

* **A book has a cohesive message (a book should take you on a journey)**

(Can I turn a series of blogs, devotionals, articles, sermons into a book? If so, how? It might be a great blog or a great post, but it’s not a book. Yet! It may be the seed of a great book, which will take developing.)

*My personal experience of becoming an author of articles into an author of books. Not easy!* 😊

* **A book addresses a felt need**

(Why are you writing the book? Is the book for you? A catharsis? Or is it broader?

What is its takeaway?)

* **A real book stands the test of edits**

(And more edits, and more re-writes, if necessary). Make sure it’s show-ready before you submit it. You are is the most important one to give it the first edit, and if possible, let it sit awhile before you do it again.

* **A real book is developed into a certain length: At least 30,000 words**

(A 200-page book is usually around 40-45,000 wds). We get many “booklets” submitted to us (10,000 words or so). That isn’t a book—yet. It may become one.