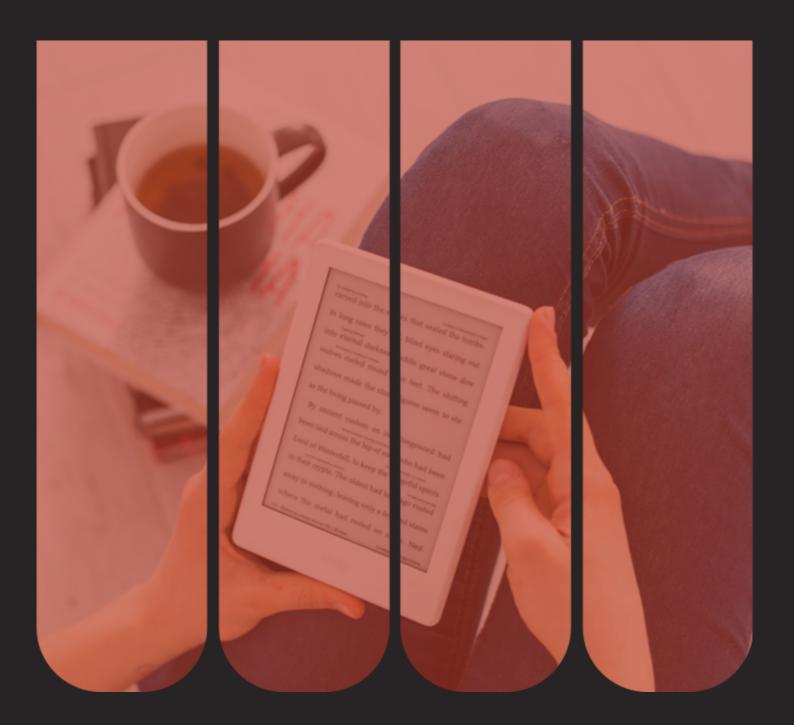
# How to Sell E-BOOKS ONLINE



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#### How To Sell More Of Your Ebooks Online

Have you written an e-book? An e-book is a digital document that can be sold online in a purely digital form. Thus, unlike with selling a physical product, the fulfillment of an e-book is done completely online. This is great for you, the author, since you can completely automate the order taking and fulfillment processes.

Once you have the fulfillment process automated, the question becomes how to market the ebook online in order to get people to buy it.  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$  How do I effectively market my e-books online?  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$  is one of the most common questions I hear from my clients. Here are five tips that will help you sell more of your e-books and generate more revenue:

– Find a target market to sell the e-book to. Many people think that everyone is their target market, and as a result try to sell their e-book to everyone. They usually end up chasing after potential customers who are not in their target market and are not likely to ever purchase the book. Their e-book sales suffer as a result.

Instead of trying to sell your e-book to everyone, concentrate on a smaller group of people who comprise your target market. These people are much more likely to purchase what you have to offer, and as a result you will get many more sales.

– Create an effective sales letter for your e-book. Since you cannot take a picture of your e-book and post it on your web site (unlike a piece of jewelry, for example), your need to use the sales letter to promote the e-book.

Make sure that your sales letter effectively describes your e-book and focuses on the benefits your clients will get by purchasing your e-book. Highlighting the benefits will keep people reading the sales letter, and it will generate more e-book sales.

– Give your customers just a few options on your web site. Sometimes clients tell me that their sales letters don't sell. When I take a look at the sales letters, they are usually a big mess. Sales letters that do not sell contain too many distractions for the reader: they have links to other web pages and web sites, banners, and text ads for other products.

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In this simple article, I will show you step-by-step how to create your own e-book.

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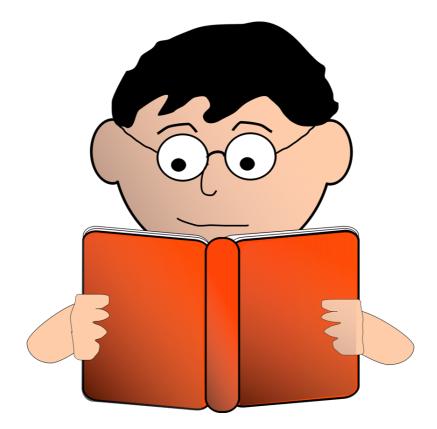
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#### The Magic Price To Market Your Ebook

Have you ever wondered why all those products on TV all cost \$19.95? How about why used car dealers…excuse me, "preownedâ€? car dealers offer \$199 down \$199 a month?

Itâ€<sup>™</sup>s an often used and very successful marketing concept. The idea is that certain numbers set off alarm bells in a buyers mind and by shaving a penny or two off the price we can avoid these alarm bells. A person will wrinkle his brow and wonder if that fancy kitchen gadget is worth \$20, but he will be franticly dialing the phone credit card in hand for the low low price of \$19.95. What a bargain.

Believe it or not sales figures seem to support this idea. Shave a few pennies off the round dollar amount and people are more likely to buy from a TV ad, however this doesnâ€<sup>™</sup>t work in all forms of marketing.

When buying in person people appear to prefer round numbers. For instance. I have a friend who sells knockoff tennis shoes at flea markets. Donâ€<sup>™</sup>t laugh. He quit his regular job because he makes more in a weekend at the flea market than he did in a 40 hour week.

Anyway he dicovered that the magic price for knockoff tennis shoes at a flea market is \$20. Any more and buyers huff and go  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$  might as well go to the shoe store for these prices. $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$  Any less and they question the quality of the shoes, Look them over again and agian, then walk away without buying.

I wonâ€<sup>™</sup>t make a value judgement about peoplesâ€<sup>™</sup> behavior. The object is to make sales, not judge your customers right? The simple fact is for every product and service there is a magic price that a customer will readily pay with almost no selling on your part.

I wonâ€<sup>™</sup>t even try to guess why, but for ebooks that price appears to be \$7. You have probably by now seen the rash of \$7 dollar ebooks everywhere. On marketing web sites and blogs and all over the web. For some unknown reason \$5 is too low and 8\$ is too high.

Does it really matter why? As marketers we donâ€<sup>™</sup>t need to question why. We find what sells and stick with it until it doesnâ€<sup>™</sup>t sell anymore.

If the public will pay \$7 without flinching who am I to question them?

Maybe itâ€<sup>™</sup>s because \$5 is not a lot of money these days. So if it cost \$5 it must not be any good or it would cost more. But then \$10 is double digits. Hold on here \$10, I could get two fast food lunches for that.

Okay, I am guessing why, but the point is, \$7 is the magic price for an ebook. Atleast for now it is.

#### The Power Behind E Books

Have you ever wondered what all the hype is about e-books? Why are they so popular? Would you be able to write your own e-book? These are just a few of the questions we will answer in todayâ€<sup>™</sup>s article.

E-books are found almost everywhere on the internet. There are even libraries where you can download free e-books onto your computer. Many of these e-books are free because they are in the public domain, but there are some that have been written specifically to boost advertising.

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For example, if you are a dog lover, you could write a book about taking proper care of canines, or write about a particular type of dog that you are familiar with. It is more advantageous to write about something concerning your particular market but writing about a complimentary market could also bring you leads that you can use to boost your business.

The important point is to get your name out in the public eye of the internet community so that they will look to you for the expert advice that you can offer.

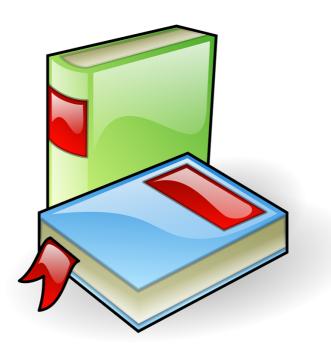
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