

Transforming Manuscripts By Karen Whiting

Distill it: State the nutshell of your idea/concept and think of the many ways it can be used
Articles, devotional, scripts, sidebars, NF, fiction, poetry, children's book, etc..

Change your presentation/perspective:

Fiction-change length to story/novella/script? Or

Genre or POV change

Take issues in fiction to create article and sidebars with anecdotes

Nonfiction-can you transform book into a different type (advent article)

Change idea into devotional, Christian living, personal experience/memoir,

30 day challenge (my idea for communication in a book devo-took one week and expanded to a full book)

Article- Like the little black dress

one idea taken in many directions by clever use of accessories—I do that with time management-using time wisely or repackaged as Get out of time debt or created for purpose

- Transform by pulling out one small segment of book idea to create devotional, how to, skit, essay, personal experience to fiction, how to, Christian living

Ex: Time book---accountability partners, Handle papers FAST

Poetry-change from a mere poem to a page spread or devotional poetry book

Picture book change to magazine story, chapter book, early reader, activity

HOW to develop new ideas from a rejected manuscript

- Take the main concept and brainstorm ways to convey it and storylines/POV to use
- Brainstorm new approaches
- Go back to research done and discover more content to create new piece
- Consider different audience and how to reach them with same material
- Circle keywords and consider sub-words that go with it (put word in a search engine)
- Check the plot and consider what twists would change the genre
- Tie idea into seasonal themes or today's news/headlines or experiences

Transforming ideas into shorts for Bread and Butter

Take the essence of one talking point of book and create shorts

Take paragraphs and compress them to the main points for a list of tips

Use research to create a sidebar

Sidebars

How to

Lists (bullets, ABC, #)

Prayer

Facts and tidbits (quizzes, references, resource list)

Experience to illustrate a point

Ask AI to analyze the title/proposal to see where things don't align and why it might be rejected