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- Mine your past for great stories
- Choose the best structure to highlight your story
- Get your memoir published
- Market your finished memoir

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- Remember the past — put on your research cap and uncover your memories
- Get over writer's block — find out how to deal with distractions and focus on the task
- Write your first draft — develop your structure, setting, characters, and dialogue
- Edit your work — explore ways to push your story to the next level and make revisions like the pros
- Get published — understand the publishing process and decide which route is right for you
- Market your memoir — develop strategies to get the word out about your memoir

Open the book and find:

- Ways to unlock your memories
- Writing exercises in each chapter to improve your manuscript
- How to use metaphor and figurative language
- Strategies for fine-tuning your story
- Tips for editing your work
- How to find a literary agent
- Understanding the difference between traditional publishing and self-publishing
- Ways to promote your finished product

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