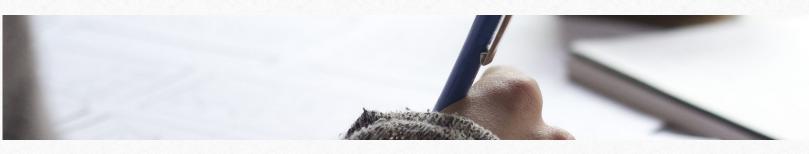
Book Marketing PRIMER

- Get Known
- Grow an Audience
- Sell more Books!





Chapter 3: Fans and Funnels



Today's Topics

The Key to Success is Action, and the Essential in Action is Perseverance.

- Sun Yat-Sen

- What is a Marketing Funnel?
 - What is 'conversion'?
 - Social Media → Next Week
 - Reader Magnets
 - Enticements
- Let's Create a Reader Magnet (tech walkthrough)
- Actionables for next week

What is a Marketing Funnel?

Why do you need one?

And how do you use it?

The Importance of an e-mail List

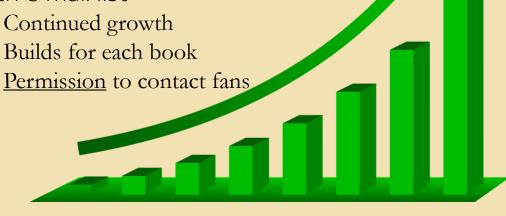
Without e-mail list

- Sporadic growth
- Restarts with each book
- No reliable contact with fans



With e-mail list

- Continued growth
- Builds for each book



Build a system where you have permission to connect in a meaningful way with your audience

Understanding 'Conversion'

What do we mean when we say 'Conversion'?



The process or system of <u>having fans</u> from social media / real world <u>join our e-mail list</u>.



So that we have their permission and e-mail to provide them with content they're interested in, including details about our future books.



Use a Marketing Funnel (a concept rather than a specific 'thing')

What is a Marketing Funnel?

In General (Sales funnel)

1. Lead Acquisition and Traffic

2. Calls to Action & Conversion

3. Closing the Sale

4. Encouraging
Customer
to Return

It takes a large pool of people and filters them to find your readers

Implemented top-down, but build bottom-up

Book Marketing Funnel

Social Media, blogs, podcasts, IRL events

regular attention

create and 'forget'

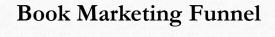
Reader Magnets (website/landing page/book)

Enticement + Sign-Up

Newsletter, free content

regular attention

What is a Marketing Funnel?



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CONTENT

• Creating your works

PERMISSION

To keep in contact

OUTREACH

Finding your audience

Building Your Marketing Funnel

→ From the Bottom-Up

Building Your Marketing Funnel

Book Marketing Funnel

Social Media, blogs, podcasts, IRL events

The Pool of Potential Readers. Engage, Interact, and Encourage them to your Reader Magnet.

Reader Magnets (website/landing page/book)



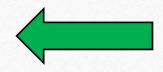
Reader Magnet (part of Website, Landing Page, Book)

Enticement + Sign-Up



Enticement: Free content to give-away for sign-up

Newsletter, free content



Newsletter or some other list-based system (e-mail best) to give relevant, interesting content

Your Marketing Funnel: Enticement

ENGAGING, RELEVANT, and REPRESENTATIVE

<u>The Instant Promise:</u> Download for Sign-up <u>The Long-Term Promise:</u> Monthly? Content

Free offers ideas:

- Free novel (to lead into series)
- Short Story / Novella / Prequel
- Audio of beginning

How to Deliver

- Link in 'Thank You' Page
- Link in first e-mail after sign-up
- Delivered as PDF
- Delivered as multiple formats from service (e.g. BookFunnel)

Free offers ideas:

- Prologues / Epilogues
- Deleted Scenes
- Cheat Sheets
- Short Stories
- Interesting Research
- Multi-author collections
- Character bio / backstory / standalone story
- Audio
- Chapters of new novels

INTERESTING, EYE-CATCHING, and RELEVANT

** Need to ensure sign-up is setup and working **

Reader Magnet...

- Enticing Blurb
- Attractive Image
- Free offer

Put link or image 'everywhere'

- Website
- Blog posts
- Front / back matter of books
- Social media (Header image/posts)

Ideally...

- It should be a landing page
- Also on your webpage

Has enticement and only 1 choice:

- Join or don't join
- 1 clickable
- Get enticement

WEBSITE HOMEPAGE

www.alternatefutures.co.uk (made in Wordpress / Wix)













Subscription Box

READER MAGNETS

Enticement

For Newsletters / soc-med

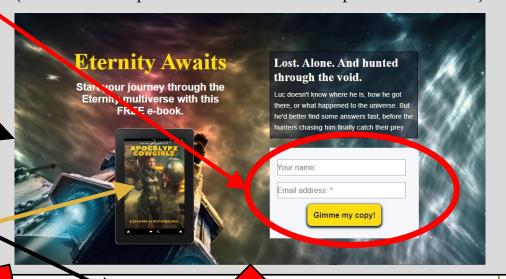
For book front/back matter





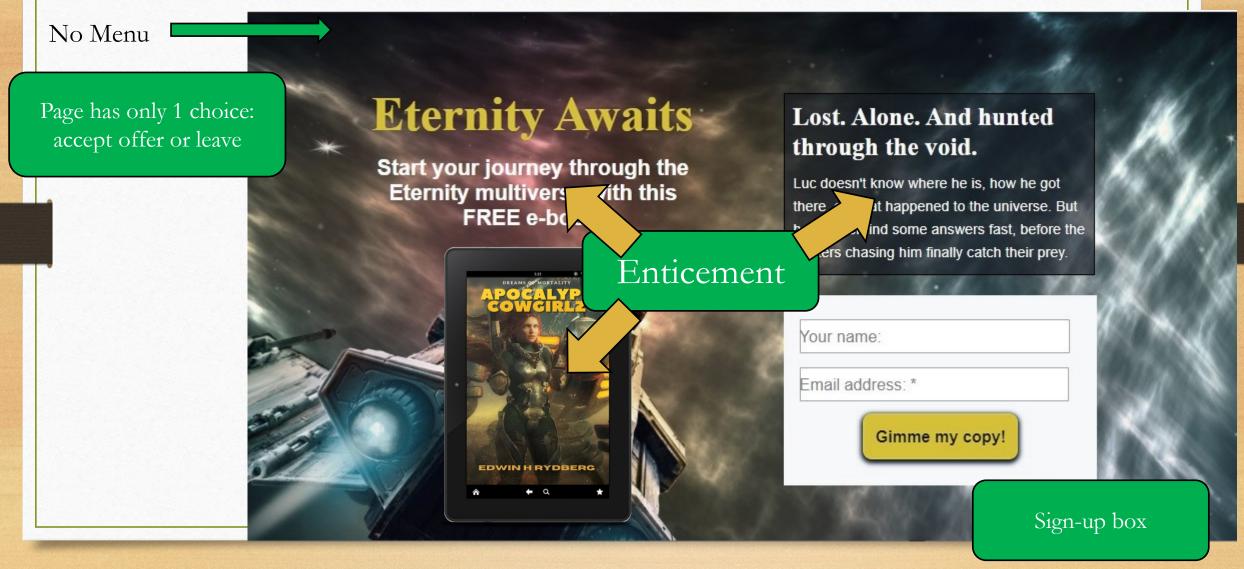


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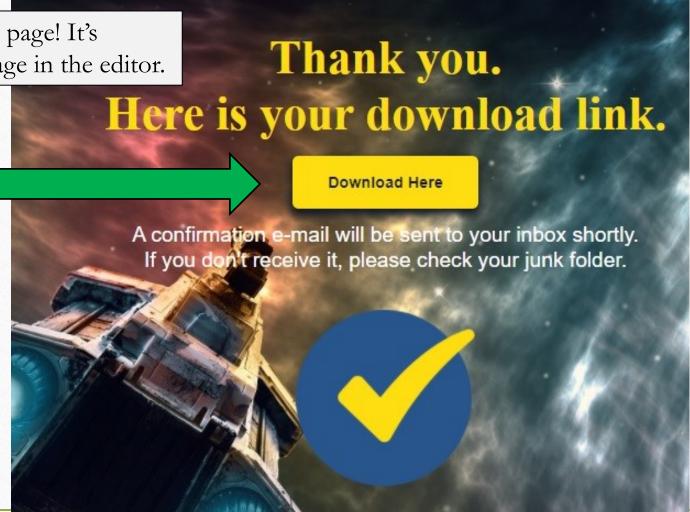
Reader Magnet - High-Converting Landing Page



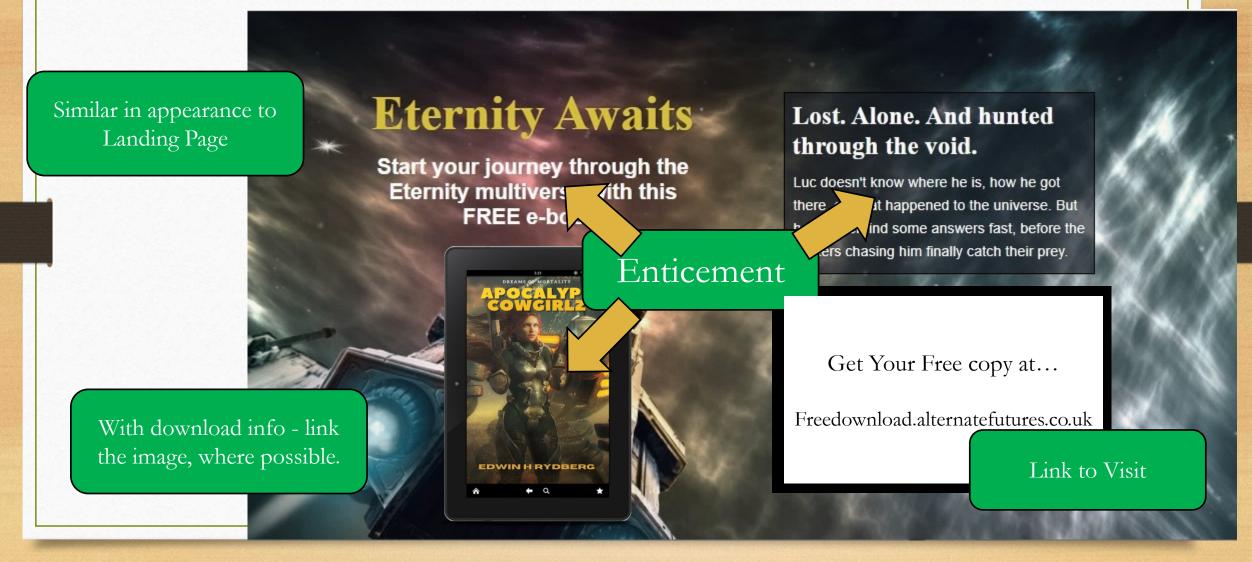
Reader Magnet – example Thank You Page

Remember to set your thank-you page! It's usually attached to the landing page in the editor.

Download link (may be on the first page, depending on e-mail manager)



Reader Magnet - Sharing Image



Let's Create a Reader Magnet!

Next Week: Chapter 4 – Effective Social Media Use

Resources for Image Creation

<u>Useful Websites for Creating Images (FREE!)</u>

Canva.com (easy graphics editor)

Pixabay.com (free stock images)

diybookcovers.com/3Dmockups/(easy 3D cover images)

<u>CoverVault</u> (more advanced, templates for use)

PowerPoint! (save individual slide as .png)

Google Slides

Useful Websites for Creating Images (PAID)

BookBrush.com (cover design + 3D mockup)
Placeit.net (cover design + 3D mockups)

Advanced Software

GIMP (free)
Photoshop (paid)

Let's Make an Image for Sharing

Don't need professional design for enticement image



COVER IMAGE CREATION

Canva.com



Can upload images free from Pixabay.com

3D Cover Mockup

diybookcovers.com/3Dmockups/

Save as 'PNG' to get transparent background

Use e-reader/tablet image in this case, for accuracy

Background Stock image if needed

<u>Canva.com</u> <u>Pixabay.com</u> SHARING IMAGE CREATION

Canva.com

Put it all together with some enticing text

Actionables

If you haven't already



- Sign-up to everyone's lists (at least for duration of this course)
- Use the Royalty Goal form for your situation
- Explore your e-mail manager and use it to write a letter to your list

Enticement

Reader Magnet

- Create or select an enticement if you don't have one.
- Create one or more possible reader magnet sharing images
- Share on Facebook group for feedback

Thank You!

Next Week:

Chapter 4 – Social Media and Driving Traffic to Your Funnel