# **Kindle Sales Krusher**

**QuickStart Guide** 

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#### Introduction

Selling books on Amazon.con and especially ebooks for the Kindle can be very lucrative. One ebook alone will not make you rich over night but if you have several ebooks that are selling a few or more copies each...it's a different story.

You are going to learn all the secrets that I use to make an additional \$700 to \$1,000 on complete autopilot. As a matter of fact I really had to dig in to my memory as I have set up about a dozen ebooks some time ago and I basically forgot about them.

When Jay Boyer contacted me and asked how they were doing I was actually surprised to find out that they were basically selling almost the same as several months ago when I originally set them up.

I first learned about Kindle publishing only 5 months ago from Jay Boyer's excellent Amazon Cash Machines course, and now I am going to share with you what I learned from him and the

special twists that I developed to kick sales into high gear.

Have a nice day!

HP Jeschke

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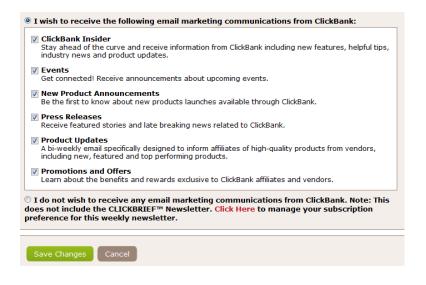
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### **How to Identify Hot Niches**

There are several ways to identify hot niches. As we want to sell books for the Kindle we are going to look what is selling in other markets in order to get some clues. One of those markets is Clickbank. The ebooks on Clickbank.com are sorted by sales volume. The best selling items are listed on top. Something that sells on Clickbank.com might as well sell on Amazon.com.

Clickbank also sends out promotions for certain products. If you go to http://www.clickbank.com/communications

You can subscribe to these announcements.

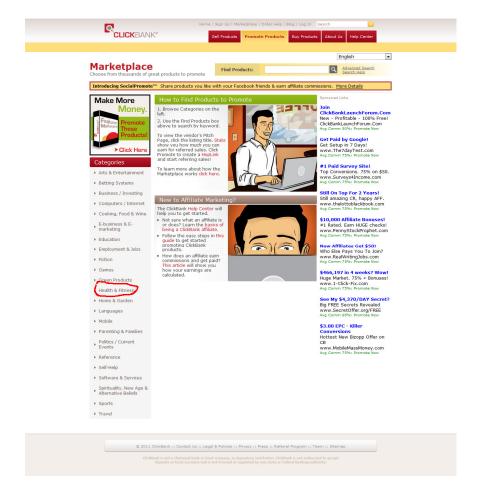


Clickbank does not send out promotions for products that don't sell. You can use these announcements as cues and that way find very interesting trends and products.

But you don't have to wait for any newsletter. You can also check out the products that are listed in the featured marketplace:

http://www.clickbank.com/featured/

The regular Clickbank marketplace can also give you some pretty good ideas:



Let's take for example the category "Health & Fitness". And within that category the subcategory "Remedies":

#### Marketplace

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Introducing SocialPromote™ Share products you like with your Facebook friends & earn affiliate commissions. More Details



E-business & E-marketing ▶ Education

► Employment & Jobs

Exercise & Fitness General Meditation Men's Health Mental Health Nutrition Remedies Sleep and Dreams

Spiritual Health Strength Training

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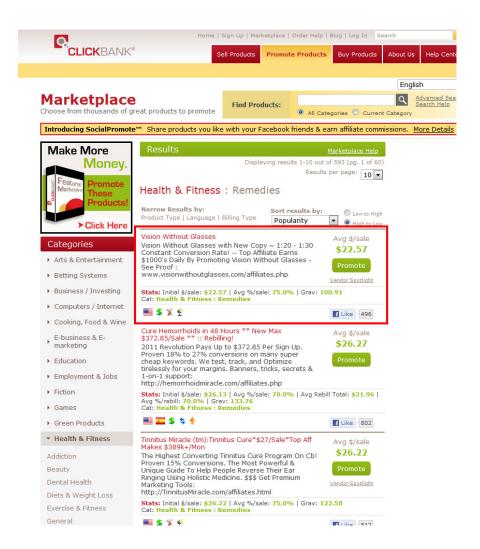
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The top product in that category is "Vision without Glasses".



Some further research shows that this is actually based on a book that is in the public domain.

A quick Google search brings this up:

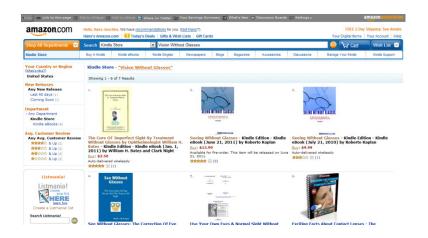
http://www.iblindness.org/books/bates/

"The book's copyright expired in 1948. It is now in the public domain. That means we can use this book and do what we want with it."

Now let's see whether this would sell or maybe is already selling on Amazon.com.



A search on Amazon.com for "Vision without Glasses" brings up 7 results.



One of these results is actually "The Cure OF Imperfect Sight by Treatment without Glasses by

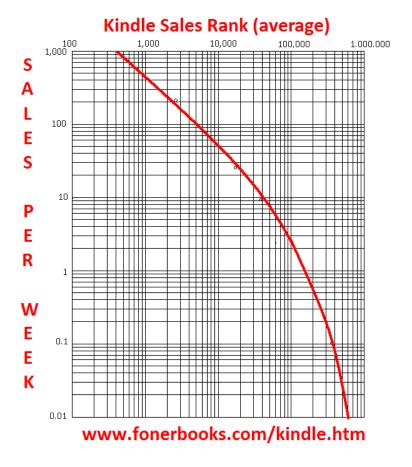
Ophthalmologist William H. Bates". This looks like our book here.



The Amazon Bestsellers Rank is #144,875 Paid in Kindle Store. Not exactly a best seller but it sells.

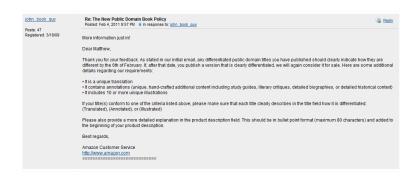
If you want to get a feeling for the sales rank and translate the sales rank into number of books sold you might find Morris Rosenthal's chart helpful.

While it is not an official chart from Amazon it seems to reflect the numbers pretty good. At least it is in agreement with my sales numbers and sales ranks.



What we have found so far is a niche and a product. If that book is selling right now on Amazon.com it means there is a market. If we would simply produce our version of this book and upload it we would be in business.

Now you might say that there is already one and Amazon won't allow another version. This is not the case. Here is the policy from Amazon:



## Here is the official policy from Amazon regarding Public Domain works:

As stated in our initial email, any differentiated public domain titles you have published should clearly indicate how they are different by the 6th of February. If, after that date, you publish a version that is clearly differentiated, we will again consider it for sale. Here are some additional details regarding our requirements:

- It is a unique translation
- It contains annotations (unique, hand-crafted additional content including study guides, literary critiques, detailed biographies, or detailed historical context)
- · It includes 10 or more unique illustrations

If your title(s) conform to one of the criteria listed above, please make sure that each title clearly describes in the title field how it is differentiated:

(Translated), (Annotated), or (Illustrated)

Please also provide a more detailed explanation in the product description field. This should be in bullet point format (maximum 80 characters) and added to the beginning of your product description.

What does that mean?

It means:

# Take a public domain work and add 10 unique illustrations to it and Amazon will publish it.

This is the ticket that not many people have fully understood yet. You can take any public domain work, add some picture to it and you are in business.

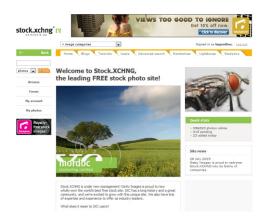
If you try to publish public domain works on Amazon and don't know this, Amazon will simply reject your submission, but they will not tell you how to fix it.

There are thousands of public domain books on Amazon.com that do not comply with these new rules. You can jump right in and collect the cash.

Now you might say that you don't have illustrations and you can't paint either. No problem. You can head over to Google and search

for "public domain illustrations" or for "free stock pictures".

One of the sites that I use is www.sxc.hu



You can find all kinds of picture on that site and as far as I understand they are completely free to use.

Let's recap what I've told you here:

Use Clickbank.com to find a niche and possible products. Then see whether there is already something on Amazon. If the market does not look too crowded you can simply create a similar

product and upload it to the Amazon market place.

Another approach to finding these hot-selling book niches is to go through the Kindle bestseller list.

In fact, Kindle Bestseller # 35 is the good old Bible. Believe it or not, you can publish the Bible too! I have published it 3 times to Kindle, and it is one of my top sellers.

Of course, the text to the bible is public domain. You can get them from <a href="http://www.gutenberg.org">http://www.gutenberg.org</a>. All that you need to do is to add a few illustrations and you are in business.

Yet another approach to uncovering these hot book categories and titles is to go to Amazon.com and go through the Kindle book categories.





You will find all kinds of little guides that sell like hot cakes.

Just find some PLR content, make it unique and throw it up there.

Now I have shown you three different ways to discover books that will sell and find content for these books for you to publish. Let's talk now about ranking your brand new Kindle book.

## **Kindle Book Optimization (KBO)**

There are five main areas that are important in order to rank your book well on Amazon

- book title
- book cover
- tags
- reviews
- category

The first thing you want to pay attention to is the title of the book. Make it as long as possible and stuff it with keywords.

You can overdo it. The title should still look nice but make sure that it carries your main keywords.

The next thing is the cover. Believe it or not, the ideal cover for selling an ebook in the Kindle marketplace looks like this:

# Ideal Amazon Cover - Ugly But Bestselling

Amazon.com is mainly white. That means a black cover has the best contrast and through that draws clicks like mad.

Also: most of the covers look like books. If yours is square or rectangular it will draw more attention.

And the more attention it gets, the more people click on it. And the more clicks it gets the more people buy the book.

Once the book sells it is a self-fulfilling prophecy: The book sells so Amazon figures it is good and shows it more often so it sells more. If you do not believe the black square cover theory, head over to Amazon.com and take a look. You will find several books that have at least dark covers and they do stand out.

By the way, this is not just a theory of mine: I have tested different types, shapes, colors, and styles of ebook customers, and this ugly black cover has always outperformed all others.

So, again: in order for your ebook to generate sales in the Kindle marketplace, the cover must get attention. However, this does not mean that it has to be pretty.

The next thing that is important: tags.

On Amazon.com every book has tags:

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Check the boxes next to the tags you consider relevant or enter your own tags in the field below.		
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These tags should describe the book and they are seen by Amazon as votes. The more people agree

with a tag the better that book tends to rank for that tag.

How can you get more people to tag your book? Very simple: you tag other people's books and they tag yours.

In the Kindle publishing forums

http://forums.kindledirectpublishing.com/kdpforums/forumindex.jspa you'll find a tread

"Tag My Book":

http://forums.kindledirectpublishing.com/kdpforums/thread.jspa?threadID=13759&tstart=0

In that thread you will find a list with about 200 books. You first have to tag all books on the list. It takes about 2 hours. Then you can submit your books to the list and other tag your books in return.

It is a tedious task and lends itself to outsourcing. The tagging works. I used that tagging list and it works like a charm.

Another thing that you need: a review. You can wait until somebody happens to take the time and write a review but I like to speed up things a little.

In order to publish are view you need an Amazon account and that account must have at least one purchase.

It should not be too difficult to persuade one of your friends to write a review for you. Make sure that you give them an overview of your book that they don't disappear for the next two weeks reading your book. Just prepare an outline and a table of contents and a sample chapter for them to make it easier for them to actually get through it. Otherwise you might have to nudge them over and over again until they finally get around to doing the review for you.

You can find some blog publishers in your niche and ask them for a review. If you provide a free review copy they are very often more than happy to do a review for you.

Books that have at least one review seem to get much more traffic from Amazon and with that more sales.

Also, books that have already one positive review tend to repel the "critics". You know what I mean, the type of person that finds always something

wrong but is in actual fact just jealous because they are a failed writer themselves.

Another important aspect is the category. You should stuff your book into categories that are related but not necessarily the best fitting category.

To illustrate this point just take a look at the reference category for example:

You will find books about "Bar Examination" there as well as "Free stuff guides" and other things that "help" bored students.

