

Life Story Writer

Information Pack



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Hi there, I'm Penny McCarthy, your Life Story Writer, and I'd love to help you tell your story and create a book you'll treasure for years to come.



The idea of talking to a stranger about the details of your life and having your story put down on paper can sometimes feel a bit daunting, but most people find that telling their story to a non-judgmental listener, then seeing it set down in print is a positive and life-affirming experience.

No-one's life is a smooth journey all the way, but I've worked with people all my life, and I've had lots of experience of helping them to recall the details of past events in a sensitive way, even the difficult parts. And what better way to celebrate all the joys and happinesses of your life as well!

So if you'd like to know more, read on to find out about how the process works, what it costs and what your completed book will be like. If you have further questions or you'd like to book an initial consultation, feel free to get in touch - I'll be waiting for your call!

Creating your book

First things first

It's a big decision, hiring someone you've never even met to write your life story for you, and I want you to be sure right from the start that it's the right decision. So I offer you a free initial consultation. We can begin to get to know each other, discuss your hopes for the project and think about which package might suit you best.

You don't commit to anything until you're ready, but once you've decided to go ahead we'll draw up a schedule, agree dates for your interviews and we're all set!



Telling your Story

Before we start I'll send you a questionnaire so you can begin thinking about what's import to include in your story, and you can choose the photos you want included. The interviews can be at your home or by video call. I've had a lot of experience interviewing all sorts of people and helping them recall details from their lives, and the interviews are also recorded so I can capture your authentic voice.

Writing your book

When the interviews are complete, I'll produce an outline of your book so you know what's going to be in each chapter, and a sample to give you a feel for how it will sound.

Once that's approved I'll write the rest of the book, based on the outline and sample. When it's complete you review the whole text and make any final changes or revisions.



Design and Print

The interior and cover of your book are designed and you give the proof a final check before it goes off to be printed and bound. Very soon you'll be holding four beautiful copies of your book!



What will my book look like?

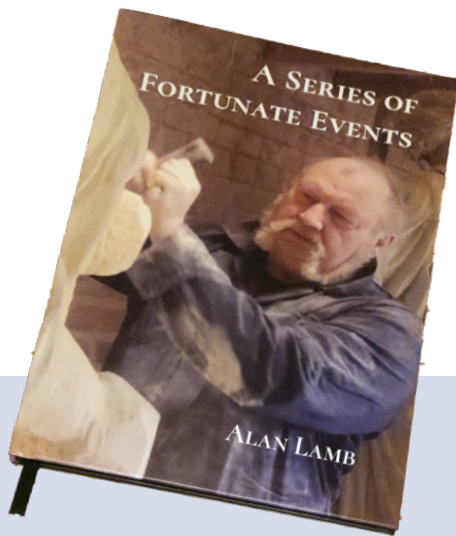
Front pages can include a dedication, family tree, message to your loved ones, etc

Pages printed on 130gsm silk paper for a luxurious feel and crisp, clear photos and text

Your choice of colour or black and white photographs to complement and illustrate your story



Marker ribbon and head and tail bands to protect the spine in your choice of colours



A durable full colour hardback cover in your choice of gloss or matte finish completes your book

How long does it take?

Once you've paid your deposit your book will take four to six months to complete, depending on your choice of package

We'll agree the dates for the interviews and I'll create a schedule, so you know what to expect at every stage of the project

What's included?

I offer three packages - the Concise, the Full and the Extended.

Each package includes **four copies of your book** plus an **electronic version in pdf format** and a **printed proof copy**, so you can be absolutely sure you're happy with how your book looks before it's bound and printed.

All the packages can be customised too - with extra pages or photographs, for example - so if you don't see what you want, get in touch and I can give you a price for what you require.

And if your budget doesn't run to the Concise package, I also offer smaller bespoke projects such as Books of Anecdotes.

<i>Life Story Writer Concise</i>	<i>Life Story Writer Full</i>	<i>Life Story Writer Extended</i>
7500 words	10000 words	15000 words
55 - 65 pages	65 - 80 pages	80 - 100 pages
6 hours of interviews	7 hours of interviews	9 hours of interviews
20 photographs	30 photographs	40 photographs
£1950	£2190	£3495

Extras ...

Lightly edited digital recordings of your interviews on a USB stick	£100
Extra copies of your book	£30 each
Ebook version	£100

What next?

Ready to go?

If you're ready to go ahead then give me a call or send me an email and we'll set up your free initial consultation to talk things through in more detail and decide which package is right for you.

Not quite sure yet ...

If on the other hand, you're interested, but still have some questions, do get in touch - I'm happy to chat informally by phone or video call, or you're welcome to use the contact form on the website or email me with your queries.

I'm looking forward to meeting you!

Penny



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