

Ouch. Ouch. Ouch. The NEW New Plan

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We're going to contract on pseudonymous book one. But the deadline has changed. It is now MAY 30. Instead of July 31.

Just got 60+ days whacked out of my schedule.

So now I have to look for 60 unused days in the first part of my year.

REVISION MARKS FOR THE PLAN

*//→Marks indicate places where the schedule has changed. These marks are melodramatic, but I'm in that mood right now.//

Look for number changes with (old number) new number.

THE NEW New PLAN

*//→First, eliminate ALL DAYS OFF between now and MAY 31. Miss one day of writing, and I'm screwed.//

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Finish HAWKSPAR and have it in on APRIL (25) 17.

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HAWKSPAR PLAN

200,000 words at completion

200 words per page

1000 pages at completion

3000 words per day

67 working days to end of first draft

*//→DELETE 5 RETHINK DAYS// (10) 5 work days for re-thinking,

redirecting

*//→DELETE 3 REVISION DAYS// (30) 27 days for one-pass
revision plus type-in
(107) 99 work days to completion

Actual completion day April (25) 17. No buffer days.

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Finish pseudonymous novel (JULY 31) MAY 30.

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PSEUDONYMOUS NOVEL PLAN

65,000 words

200 words per page

325 pages at completion

*//→ADD 95 WORDS PER DAY TO WORD COUNT (3000) 3095 words a
day

*//→DELETE 1 DAY FROM FIRST DRAFT// (22) 21 working days to
end of first draft

*//→ DELETE 5 RETHINK DAYS// (10) 5 working days for re-
thinking, re-directing

*//→ DELETE TWO REVISION DAYS// (20) 18 days for one-pass
revision

(52) 44 work days to completion

Completion date if no buffer days used: JUNE 16.

*//→ DELETE ALL BUFFER DAYS// Buffer days: (46) None. (This
novel is going to take significant research way outside my
usual field. I anticipate needing all of these days.) *//→
TOO BAD. RESEARCH AT BEDTIME.//

*//→PANT LIKE A CAFFEINATED CHIHUAHUA FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS.
DO NO WORK WHATSOEVER. TRY NOT TO PIDDLE ON THE FLOOR.//

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Skip "C" entirely this year – now is not the time.

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*//→NO SHIT//

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Finish Next Onyx novel (if contracted) OCT 31.

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ROMANTIC SUSPENSE THRILLER

100,000 words at completion

200 words per page

500 pages at completion

3000 words per day

34 working days to end of first draft

10 work days for re-thinking, redirecting

20 days for one-pass revision plus type-in

64 working days to completion

Completion date if no buffer days used: Oct. 2

Buffer days: 29.

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Consider second pseudonymous novel

for completion around the end of the year.

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PSEUDONYMOUS NOVEL II PLAN

65,000 words

200 words per page

325 pages at completion

3000 words a day

22 working days to end of first draft

10 working days for re-thinking, re-directing

20 days for one-pass revision

51 work days to completion

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