Book Proposal Basics

If you want to secure a publishing contract, you'll need a book proposal. A book proposal is actually a business plan for your book. It includes many of the same components as a business plan: executive summary, market overview, market research, competitive analysis; but it is written specifically for the publishing industry and includes information that publishers will look for when considering whether to extend a publishing contract.

In this episode, we'll explore the basics of book proposals, including:

- Why you need a **book proposal**, even if you are self-publishing your book
- How to get started with your book proposal
- Why a book proposal is like a press release
- How to organize the various components of your book proposal
- The 5 major sections of a book proposal
- The most important thing to remember when developing your competitive analysis
 - (What you never want to do when talking about your competition)
- Why you need to clearly define your target audience
 - (Your book is NOT written for "everyone")
- Recommendations for describing your manuscript length and completion date
- The difference between a book proposal and a publishing contract
- How many and which -- chapters you should include in your book proposal
- How to create an Executive Summary for your book proposal

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