

COPYWRITING SECRETS

**How Everyone Can Use the Power of Words
to Get More Clicks, Sales, and Profits ...
No Matter What You Sell or Who You Sell It To!**

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MAIN IDEA

Copywriting is salesmanship in print and persuasion in action. It's anything of value you put together which invites and motivates the reader, the viewer, or the listener to take the next step.

The real art of copywriting is to make the copy you write "disappear" – to have content which is so interesting that people don't even realize it is sales copy as they read your articles, watch your videos, or attend your presentations.

To achieve this, five types of secrets are involved:



"Over the years, I've written sales letters that have done over three million dollars in sales; another did two and a half million; another one did over a million and a half selling a \$29 product. The cool thing is nobody is born a million-dollar copywriter. Nobody is born knowing the exact words to use for sales copy. But, unlike a fiction writer or even a non-fiction writer, sales copy follows patterns you can learn. You can use and adapt those proven patterns to quickly create copy that sells. It's the fastest type of writing you can learn and it also the most profitable."

– Jim Edwards

"Sales copywriting is anything intended to persuade the right reader, viewer, or listener, to take a specific action."

– Jim Edwards

1. COPYWRITING MINDSET SECRETS Pages 2 - 3

Copywriting is the most valuable skill you will ever learn. You can outsource it to others but the reality is you won't know what works until you try version 1 and then start tweaking it. If you're always waiting for others, it will slow everything down dramatically. Pay attention to what works and develop the copywriter's mindset in everything you do.

2. SALES FORMULA/LETTER SECRETS. Pages 4 - 5

The great thing about copywriting is you don't have to start from scratch. Great copy always leaves clues. Therefore, a good starting point for any copy you write is to look at the three sales formulas which never fail and the template for amazing sales letters. Use those as great launching pads rather than staring at a blank sheet of paper.

3. MAKE 'EM THIRSTY SECRETS Page 6

To get people to buy whatever you're selling, you're going to have to make them thirsty so they will buy faster. The best way to do that is to tell them any of four basic stories. Great stories will make people thirsty, and then great copy will tell people where to go to buy a drink. This is the pattern for success in copywriting.

4. SELL WITHOUT SELLING SECRETS Page 7

The secret to sell without selling is to embed "stealth closes" right into your sales copy. Follow the lead of Columbo. Advertising makes people raise their anti-sale defenses but if you sidle up to them and give them some value, and then casually add a "By the way ..." you can close them without any pressure closes. Brilliant.

5. COPY POLISHING SECRETS Page 8

The great thing about copywriting is there's always something new to learn. Often, the most intensive learning won't happen until you get your first draft out in the world and you start tweaking based on the feedback you get. It's a process that never ends. Be a student of the art and science of copywriting and you'll never run out of things to learn.

