



# Sample Book Coaching Assignment (Memoir)

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Dear [Author],

I'm glad you found yesterday's call helpful. I like to take the time in the beginning of a project to get to know an author's heart and soul (and let them know mine!), because a good book comes from there, so it needs to be revealed!

I like that you're open to your book having an evolving arc—moving in its focus to being mainly about growing up in a family impacted by mental illness to including the relationship you had with your mother while all that was going on, and how you eventually came to make peace with her. You are adding depth to the story—a good thing!

Our next call is in two weeks: June 18, a Wednesday.

Your assignment is twofold:

1. Continue reading memoirs that you come across or that I recommend, including *Educated*, the number one bestselling nonfiction book according to the NYTimes list for past year.
2. Send me a short chapter/vignette you've written that fits into the current outline of the book, so I can see your voice and writing style. In fact, send me a few if you have the time to pull more than one together. I will review and get back to you before our next call, when we can discuss your progress.
3. Fill out the attached Editorial Schedule with your availability over the next 6 months. My dates are already written in.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to shoot me an email and I'll do my best to answer.

I look forward to reading what you send!

Best,  
Nancy