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for Retirees

Each idea rated for difficulty, cost, risk and evidence, with prompts you can copy and use today.

How this book is checked

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Each idea is checked against sources. Here is what that means, and what it does not.

- Sources opened and read: for 32 of 50 ideas, at least one source was opened and read (the date is on each idea, in the line "Source check").
- Of those, 22 ideas have every cited link opened, and 10 have some links opened and others only seen in search results.
- 1 idea rests only on search results we have not yet opened, and 17 have no source we could find. Check those yourself before relying on them.
- Prices shown are asking prices on sellers' listings. They are not what anyone earns. We found no reliable income figures, and we do not promise any income.
- Rules change. Pension, tax, privacy and advertising rules differ by country and over time. The table "Rules to check yourself" at the end of the book names who to ask.
- This is general information, not legal, tax, financial or pension advice.
- Found a mistake or a broken link? Tell us and we will fix it and update the date.

A note before we start

This book is not financial, legal, tax, pension or health advice. We do not promise that you will earn anything. Many people earn nothing from some of these ideas, and some ideas will not suit your skills, your pension or your time.

Where we found a reliable income figure, we show it with its source. Where we did not, the card says so plainly. Prices you see are asking prices on listings, not earnings. We never invent numbers, stories or customers.

Rules change. Platform terms, tax rules and contract law are updated often. Every card shows the date we read each source. Please open the official pages yourself before you act.

Hello, and welcome

You have spent decades learning how to do things well. This book is a calm menu of 50 small ways to put that to use, if you want to, with AI doing the slow typing and you making every decision. There is no rush, no boss and no target. Some people want pocket money, some want a purpose, and some simply enjoy being useful.

Each idea sits on its own few pages, laid out the same way, so you always know where to look. Pick one that sounds enjoyable this week. Ignore the rest for now. Your retirement comes first; these are small projects, not a second career.

Good news for busy retired people: every idea has a **Your first hour** section, so you can find out in one sitting whether it suits you. Every idea has **copy-and-paste prompts**, so you never face a blank screen. And every idea ends with a small **helper** you save in your own AI tool, so the second time is quick.

Two things before you earn anything: ask the agency that pays your pension whether extra income counts, and keep simple records for tax. Both are covered in plain words in the check near the start of this book. A promise from us: we would rather tell you an idea is crowded or risky than sell you a dream.



A gentle path from the first idea to a keepable habit. Money is never guaranteed, and you can stop at any step.

The pension and older-adult check

Every idea in this book points back to this page. Read it once, before you earn anything. It takes five minutes and can save you months of trouble.

Extra income can affect a pension or another payment, and the rules differ by country, by your age and by the kind of income. Ask the agency that pays you before your first sale. It is a normal question and they hear it often.

United States. If you claim Social Security before your full retirement age, earnings above a yearly limit can reduce your payments for a time; the Social Security Administration (ssa.gov) explains how the earnings test works and how it changes at full retirement age. Some Medicare premiums can also depend on your total income, so ask the SSA. Self-employment income is taxed, so ask the IRS or a tax adviser.

United Kingdom. You can work and still claim the State Pension, and earnings do not reduce it, but they can be taxed together with your other income. Means-tested help such as Pension Credit counts your income, so ask the Pension Service. Small trading income may need to be reported to HMRC above a yearly allowance (check the current figure on GOV.UK).

Australia. Services Australia explains how work and business income count under the Age Pension income test, and what you must report and when. The limits change over time, so check the current figures on the Services Australia website. Ask the Australian Taxation Office about tax and about whether you need an ABN.

Canada. Service Canada explains how earnings can affect the Guaranteed Income Supplement and, at higher incomes, how Old Age Security can be reduced by a recovery tax. Ask Service Canada about CPP and OAS, and the Canada Revenue Agency about tax on self-employed income.

Tax on small earnings. Selling things you make, or selling your time, is usually taxable income in all four countries, even when the amounts are small. Keep simple records from the first sale; ideas 15, 43 and 46 turn that habit into sheets you can use.

Scams aimed at older adults. The US Federal Trade Commission lists impersonator, tech support, romance, prize, home repair and job or money-making scams as common ones. A real customer never overpays you by cheque and asks for the difference back. Nobody legitimate asks for gift cards, wire transfers or cryptocurrency. If a call or message pushes you to act fast, stop, hang up and ring a number you already trust. AI can copy voices, so agree a family code word.

Other people's stories and details. When you write about someone else, such as a life story, a memoir, a club member or a family photo, get their agreement first. If the person may find it hard to decide for themselves, ask their family or carer as well. Never paste other people's names, health details or bank details into an AI tool.

Your own details. Never type your tax, social security or national insurance number, your bank details or your passwords into an AI tool or onto a website that asks for them without a reason you can check.

Visits, workshops and tours. If an idea has you meeting people in person, check whether your home or club insurance covers it and ask the venue about its rules. Start small, and bring a friend if you are meeting someone new.

If it stops being enjoyable. Stop. Retirement is yours, and these ideas are optional. This book is general information, not medical or counselling advice.

Ideas 15, 43 and 46 turn parts of this check into sheets for your own use. The table "Rules to check yourself" at the end of the book names who to ask in each country.

How each idea page works

What this is	One or two plain sentences on what you would actually do.
Badges	**Green** easy, low cost or low risk **Amber** some skill, money or care needed **Red** hard, costly or risky
At a glance	How soon money might arrive, what it can earn (only with a source), weekly hours, how crowded it is.
Is this a good fit for you?	Honest notes for someone who is retired, including what to do if you only have an hour a day.
Your first hour	Small numbered steps so you can start today.
Copy-and-paste prompts	Four steps: research, build a sample, find your first client or listing, then check and improve. Each prompt has a short note on what a good answer looks like.
Keep it	A reusable helper to save inside your AI tool.
Stay safe	The pension and tax check, the scam check and the red flags for that idea.
Where this comes from	Our sources, whether we opened them, and the date we read them.

Using the prompts well

1. **Fill in the brackets.** Anything in [CAPITALS AND BRACKETS] is for you to replace with your own details.
2. **Keep your private details out.** Never paste your tax or social security number, bank details, passwords or other people's private details into an AI tool. Use made-up names while you practise.
3. **Check everything.** AI can sound sure and be wrong. Open the sources it names. Never publish or send a fact you have not checked yourself.
4. **Be honest about using AI.** If a client or platform asks, say how you used it. Some platforms and client briefs require a label or ban it outright.
5. **Treat [CHECK] as a to-do.** Where a prompt or an answer marks something [CHECK], it means "confirm this on an official page before you rely on it".

The map of all 50 ideas

Every idea in one picture. The colour shows which part of the book it lives in.

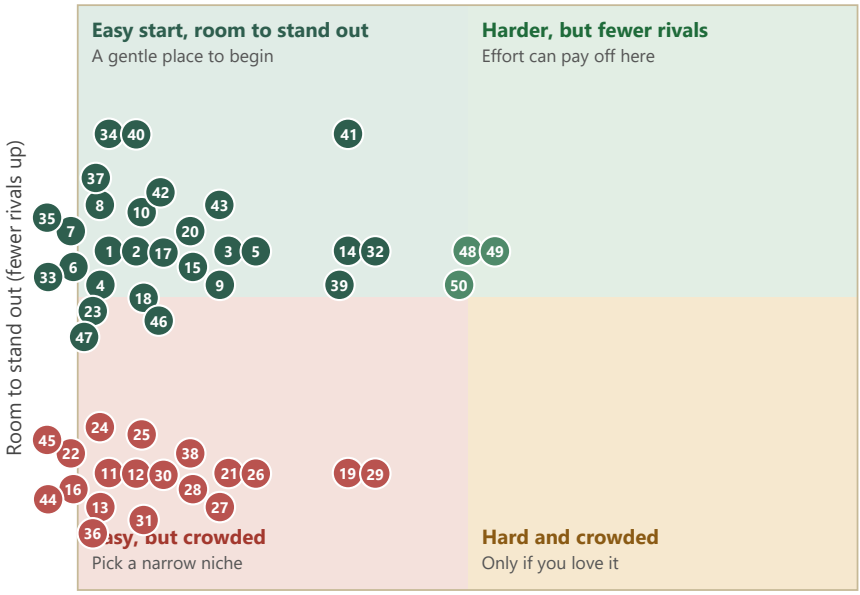
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Hard does not mean bad

On each idea page you will see badges for difficulty, cost and risk. A **red badge is not a stop sign**. It is a price tag.

In most markets, the harder an idea is to start, the fewer people finish it. So a harder idea can mean **less competition**, and a skill that is **harder for newcomers to copy**. An easy idea has the opposite problem: anyone can start it tomorrow, so you have to stand out.



Effort to start: difficulty, cost and risk (easier on the left, harder on the right)

Each dot is one idea, numbered as in the menu. Positions are our own rough judgement from the notes on each idea page, not a measurement, and not a promise of income.

- **Top left:** easy and with room. A friendly first project.
- **Top right:** hard but quiet. Worth it if the skill excites you.
- **Bottom left:** easy but busy. Choose a narrow niche.
- **Bottom right:** hard and busy. Only if you truly love it.

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The whole menu at a glance

A quick way to pick: start with green. Each little picture shows the level at a glance: three bars for difficulty, coins for cost, a shield for risk.

#	Idea	Level	Cost	Risk
1	Life-Story Interviews for a Neighbour's Parent	Beginner	Free	Low
2	One-Page Life Summary for Aged-Care Move-In	Beginner	Free	Low
3	Celebration-of-Life Speech Drafts	Intermediate	Free	Low
4	Family Recipe Cookbook for One Family	Beginner	Low	Low
5	Trade-Lessons Booklet for Apprentices (one trade, one country)	Intermediate	Free	Low
6	Library book-club discussion guides	Beginner	Free	Low
7	Oral-History Transcript Clean-Up (family interviews)	Beginner	Free	Low
8	Proofreading for Fellow Retirees' Memoirs	Beginner	Free	Low
9	Mentoring Packs for New Managers in Your Old Field (mentor-side kit)	Intermediate	Free	Low
10	Interview-Practice Partner for 50+ Returners and Job Seekers in Your Old Field	Beginner	Free	Low
11	Retired-teacher Worksheet Sets	Beginner	Free	Low
12	Position-description Rewriter for Small Employers in Your Old Trade	Beginner	Free	Low
13	New-hire Checklist for Small Businesses in Your Old Industry	Beginner	Free	Low

14	Handover Manual for a Retiring Small Business Owner	Intermediate	Free	Medium
15	Receipts Folder Guide for Hobby Income	Beginner	Free	Medium
16	LinkedIn and CV Help for Fellow 60+ Job Returners	Beginner	Free	Low
17	Large-print Phone and Tablet Cheat Sheets	Beginner	Low	Low
18	Scam-spotting Pocket Cards for Your Community Group	Beginner	Low	Low
19	Photo-organising for Families	Intermediate	Free	Medium
20	Library Workshop Pack: AI for Beginners	Intermediate	Free	Low
21	Seasonal Greeting Card Sets from Your Own Art	Beginner	Low	Low to Medium
22	Voice-Assistant and Smart-Speaker Setup	Beginner	Low	Low
23	Family Tech-Check Checklist	Beginner	Free	Low
24	Garden Calendar for Your Climate Zone	Beginner	Low	Low
25	Seed-Saving and Planting Journal	Beginner	Low	Low
26	Small-Batch Preserves Labels Bundled with Recipe Cards	Beginner	Low	Medium
27	Knitting and Crochet Patterns Written Clearly	Intermediate	Low	Low
28	Large-Print Puzzle and Activity Books	Beginner	Low	Medium
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30	Local Walking and Bird-Spotting Journals (One Town, One Coast)	Beginner	Low	Low

31	Family-tree Starter Kit for Beginners (guided interview to tree)	Beginner	Low	Low
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36	Large-print Menus and Price Lists for Cafes (ask first, build second)	Beginner	Low	Low
37	Review Reply Drafts for Local Businesses (walk-in offer)	Beginner	Free	Low
38	Volunteer Roster Sheet for Community Groups (best as a free lead magnet)	Intermediate	Free	Low
39	Grant Application Drafts for Community Groups	Intermediate	Free	Medium
40	Meeting Minutes for Local Committees (strata and professional committees only)	Beginner	Free	Low
41	Local Walking-Tour Scripts (One Suburb or Town, Your Own)	Intermediate	Free	Medium
42	Downsizing Inventory Sheet	Beginner	Free	Low
43	Life-Admin Binder: Where Everything Is	Beginner	Low	Low to Medium
44	Grey-Nomad Trip Planner Sheets	Beginner	Free	Low
45	Club Treasurer Bundle: Fees, Roster and Minutes	Beginner	Free	Low

46	Hobby-Business Profit Tracker	Beginner	Free	Low
47	Price Calculator for Craft and Garden Sellers	Beginner	Free	Low
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49	n8n Receipt Capture for Your Hobby-Business Records	Advanced	Low	Medium
50	n8n Contact-Form Follow-Up for Mentors and Tutors	Advanced	Low	Low to Medium

PART 1

Put your life into words

Life stories, speeches, recipes and memoirs for families who would love them written down. You are the listener and the editor.

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1 Life-Story Interviews for a Neighbour's Parent

Imagine sitting with a neighbour's mother over tea, recording three chats, then turning them into a tidy 20-page illustrated booklet her family can keep. AI helps with chapter headings and smoothing the writing, but the stories and the warmth are yours.

Difficulty Beginner **Cost** Free **Risk** Low **Crowd** Online services exist

The balance. A gentle start with room to stand out. A good place to begin.

At a glance

How soon might money arrive?	Weeks; word of mouth in one village or club is slow and personal
What can it earn?	No reliable income figure found. For context only: StoryWorth lists a weekly-question memoir book from $59 or $69. That is a listed price, not anyone's income.
Time each week and what AI does	3 to 6 hrs per week; AI helps with structure and polish, you do the listening
Does it grow?	Limited by your own time; each booklet is a one-off job
How crowded is it?	Online services exist, but none can sit in the room with Mum; a local, in-person visit is your difference
Where it fits	 US  UK  AU  CA (English-speaking families, ideally near you)
Skill level	Beginner

Money to start	Free (your phone is the recorder)
What can go wrong	Low: consent and privacy are the main care points

Is this a good fit for you?

You know how to ask about the 1960s without being told what it was like, and that is something no app can copy. The work is gentle, flexible and needs no equipment beyond a phone. You set your own pace and take only the visits you enjoy.

Only 1 hour a day? Use 30 minutes to prepare questions or listen back to one recording, and 30 minutes to shape one chapter with AI. Do one visit a week, not one a day.

Your first hour

About an hour in all, one small step at a time

1. Write 15 open questions on one page.
2. Record a 20-minute chat with a friend as practice.
3. Ask AI to suggest chapter headings from the transcript and keep only those that fit.
4. Mention the idea at your village noticeboard, church or U3A or Probus group, offering a first booklet at a low fixed price.

Copy-and-paste prompts

Paste each one into any AI chat tool. Replace every [BRACKET] with your own details first. Read the answer critically before you use it.

Step 1 Research

```
I am a retired person in [YOUR COUNTRY] who wants to record life-
story interviews for the parents of neighbours. Suggest 15 warm,
open questions about [DECADE, e.g. the 1960s] childhood, work,
family and place. Group them under 5 chapter themes. Do not invent
facts about any real person. Tell me to ask permission before each
recording and to keep recordings private.
```

What to look for. Questions should invite stories, not yes or no answers, and nothing should feel intrusive.

Step 2 Build a sample

```
Here is a rough transcript of a 20-minute chat: [PASTE TRANSCRIPT].
Suggest 5 chapter headings taken only from what was said. Then tidy
the first chapter into clear paragraphs, keeping the speaker's own
words and voice. Do not add events, names or dates that are not in
the transcript. Mark anything unclear as [CHECK].
```

What to look for. The chapter should sound like the speaker, and every fact must appear in the transcript.

Step 3 Find first client or listing

```
Write a friendly notice (under 100 words) for a village noticeboard
offering to turn a parent's life stories into a 20-page keepsake
booklet from 3 visits, for [YOUR PRICE, set after checking costs].
Say honestly that I use an AI tool to help with structure and that I
will ask for written consent. Do not claim experience or past
clients I do not have.
```

What to look for. The notice should be warm and honest, with no promise about dates or results.

Step 4 Check and improve

```
Review my draft booklet text below. List every place where I may
have added or changed a fact, any private detail about other people,
and any sentence that does not sound like the speaker. Do not
rewrite it. Text: [PASTE DRAFT]
```

What to look for. Fix every flagged line yourself and let the person (or family) approve the final booklet.

Keep it: your own reusable helper

You have just done the job once. Now save it as a small helper inside your own AI tool, so next time it takes two minutes. Name it **My Life-Story Helper** and paste this into its instructions.

Save Instructions for your helper

```
You are a patient writing assistant for a retired person who
records life-story interviews for families. The retiree does
the listening, makes every decision and approves every word.

Ask one short question at a time: (1) Have the person and the
family agreed to the recording and to using an AI tool? (2)
Which decade and place are the stories from? (3) How long
should the booklet be? Then ask the retiree to paste the
transcript or notes.

Output format:
1. Five chapter headings taken only from the transcript.
2. A tidy draft of one chapter in the speaker's own words and
voice.
3. A list headed "[CHECK]" for anything unclear, doubtful or
private.

Rules: Never add events, names, dates or numbers that are not
in the transcript. Keep private details of other people out.
Use plain, respectful language. Remind the retiree to keep
recordings private. End every reply with: "Please read it with
the storyteller. They decide what stays."
```

Where. Claude: create a Project and paste into Project instructions. ChatGPT: create a Project or custom GPT and paste into Instructions. Gemini: create a Gem and paste into Instructions.

Each time you use it. Paste the transcript and write: "Task = chapter draft, 1960s childhood, family has agreed."

Check yourself, every time.

- Confirm every fact in the chapter appears in the recording.
- Confirm you have consent from the person and the family.

Your file

A one-page question sheet with 15 prompts, a consent checklist and a three-visit plan.

File: `life-story-interview-kit` (a suggested name for your own copy, which you build with the prompts above).

Stay safe

The rules to know. Get clear, ideally written, consent from the person and from the family before recording or sharing anything. Do not publish private details of other people named in the stories. Promise no printing date until you have a printer quote. Be careful before pasting recordings or transcripts into an AI tool: read its terms and tell the family you use one. Extra income may affect pensions or benefits (see the check near the start of this book), so ask the agency in your country.

Red flags. Anyone who wants an upfront fee to "list you" with families, or who sends a cheque for more than the agreed price.

Where this comes from. Source check: opened and read on 02/11/2026 StoryWorth, read 31/10/2026, shows families already pay for life-story keepsakes (listed from $59 or $69). FTC Pass It On, read 31/10/2026.

2 One-Page Life Summary for Aged-Care Move-In

A friendly "this is who I am" page that care staff can pin on a door or put in a folder. It covers career, hobbies, favourite music and the little things that matter, written with the family in large print.

Difficulty Beginner **Cost** Free **Risk** Low **Crowd** Thin for this exact ni

The balance. A gentle start with room to stand out. A good place to begin.

At a glance

How soon might money arrive?	Weeks to months; it depends on one aged-care home saying yes
What can it earn?	No reliable income figure found. Most search hits are children's "All About Me" sheets and the price ceiling looks very low, so treat it as a small paid service or a bundle.
Time each week and what AI does	2 to 4 hrs per week; AI helps with layout and wording
Does it grow?	Low as a template, better as a service for families
How crowded is it?	Thin for this exact niche; only one dementia care sheet was seen
Where it fits	US UK AU CA
Skill level	Beginner
Money to start	Free
What can go wrong	Low: keep medical information out

Is this a good fit for you?

You can talk gently with older people and notice what makes them tick, which is exactly what this page needs. It costs nothing to start and suits quiet, unhurried work. Your own experience of family moves and ageing gives you instinct no template has.

Only 1 hour a day? Spend 40 minutes talking with one family member or resident and 20 minutes turning the notes into a large-print page. One page per week is plenty.

Your first hour

About an hour in all, one small step at a time

1. Draft a template with 8 prompts, such as "What I loved doing" and "Music that makes me smile".
2. Fill it in for a friend's parent as a free sample, with permission.
3. Ask AI to tidy the wording into large, plain print.
4. Email one aged-care home activity coordinator and offer to show the sample.

Copy-and-paste prompts

Paste each one into any AI chat tool. Replace every [BRACKET] with your own details first. Read the answer critically before you use it.

Step 1 Research

```
I want to create a one-page "this is who I am" profile for a person
moving into aged care in [YOUR COUNTRY]. Suggest 8 gentle prompts
that tell staff about the person's life without any health or
financial details. Say why each prompt helps staff start a
conversation. Do not invent facts about any real person.
```

What to look for. Prompts should be about life and joy, and none should touch medical or money matters.

Step 2 Build a sample

```
Using only these notes from a family chat: [PASTE NOTES], write a
one-page profile in short, warm sentences, suitable for 18-point
print. Do not add anything not in the notes. Mark gaps as [CHECK].
Do not include health, medication or financial details.
```

What to look for. Every line must come from the notes, and it should read like the person, not like a form.

Step 3 Find first client or listing

```
Write a short, polite email (under 120 words) to an aged-care
activity coordinator offering a free sample one-page life summary.
Say honestly that I write it with the family and use an AI tool to
tidy the wording. Do not claim experience or qualifications I do not
have. Leave [MY NAME] and [MY AREA] as placeholders.
```

What to look for. The email should be short, respectful and make no claims about results.

Step 4 Check and improve

```
Check my profile below. List any health, medical or financial
detail, any claim I cannot support, and any phrase a resident might
find upsetting. Suggest gentler wording. Do not add new facts.
Profile: [PASTE PROFILE]
```

What to look for. Remove or soften every flagged line, then ask the family to approve it.

Keep it: your own reusable helper

You have just done the job once. Now save it as a small helper inside your own AI tool, so next time it takes two minutes. Name it **My Move-In Profile Helper** and paste this into its instructions.

Save Instructions for your helper

```
You are a gentle writing assistant for a retired person who
writes one-page "this is who I am" profiles for people moving
into aged care. The retiree works with the family and decides
what is included.

Ask one short question at a time: (1) Has the person or family
agreed to this profile? (2) What did the person do for work and
love doing? (3) What music, foods or routines bring comfort?
Then ask for the family's notes.

Output format:
1. A one-page profile in short, warm sentences suitable for 18-
point print.
2. A list headed "[CHECK]" for gaps or uncertain facts.

Rules: Use only the notes given. Never include health,
medication, money or medical details. Never invent facts. Do
not claim the page replaces care records. Plain, kind language.
End with: "Please read it with the family. They decide what
stays."
```

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Each time you use it. Paste the family's notes and write: "Task = one-page profile, large print, no health details."

Check yourself, every time.

- Make sure no health, medical or financial detail appears.
- Ask the family to approve every line.

Your file

A large-print one-page profile template with 8 gentle prompts.

File: `move-in-profile-template` (a suggested name for your own copy, which you build with the prompts above).

Stay safe

The rules to know. Leave out health details, medication, money and anything medical; the home may have its own forms, so ask the coordinator. Get the resident's or family's consent for every fact. Do not claim the page replaces care records. Extra income may affect pensions or benefits (see the check near the start of this book), so ask the agency in your country.

Red flags. Anyone who says you need to buy a "licensed" system or training to supply these pages, or who asks for personal details of residents by email.

Where this comes from. Source check: opened and read on 31/10/2026 StoryWorth, read 31/10/2026, shows families already pay for life-story keepsakes (listed from $59 or $69). Demand for this exact page is not proven.

3 Celebration-of-Life Speech Drafts

You help a family find words in a hard week. From their notes you shape a 2-minute eulogy or toast, edited warmly so it sounds like them.

Difficulty Intermediate **Cost** Free **Risk** Low **Crowd** Present at both low an

The balance. A gentle start with room to stand out. A good place to begin.

At a glance

How soon might money arrive?	Weeks to months; referrals come slowly
What can it earn?	No reliable income figure found. Listed prices seen: a low tier on Fiverr and a specialist tier of 299 to 399. These are listed prices, not earnings.
Time each week and what AI does	2 to 5 hrs per draft; AI helps shape the structure, you carry the tone
Does it grow?	Low; each speech is personal
How crowded is it?	Present at both low and high price tiers; a warm, family-led draft with a short intake call sits between them
Where it fits	US UK AU CA
Skill level	Intermediate (emotional work and good listening)
Money to start	Free
What can go wrong	Low, but the work is emotional

Is this a good fit for you?

You have attended many funerals and know the tone to strike, which is hard for younger writers to match. The work is calm and meaningful. It is also optional, so only take it if it feels right for you.

Only 1 hour a day? Use 30 minutes on a gentle intake call or notes and 30 minutes on a draft. Never rush: one request at a time is enough.

Your first hour

About an hour in all, one small step at a time

1. Write a gentle intake form with 6 questions.
2. Draft a sample using a fictional person.
3. Ask AI for two alternative openings and choose or rewrite the one that sounds true.
4. Introduce yourself to one local celebrant and ask whether they refer overflow work.

Copy-and-paste prompts

Paste each one into any AI chat tool. Replace every [BRACKET] with your own details first. Read the answer critically before you use it.

Step 1 Research

```
I want to help families draft a 2-minute celebration-of-life speech
in [YOUR COUNTRY]. Suggest 6 gentle questions to ask a family about
the person who has died. Add a plain structure for a 2-minute speech
(opening, 2 stories, closing). Do not invent facts about any real
person. Remind me that the family owns the final words.
```

What to look for. The questions should be kind and open, and the structure should be simple.

Step 2 Build a sample

```
Using only these notes about a fictional person: [PASTE NOTES],
write a 2-minute speech (about 300 words) in a warm, plain voice. Do
not add events not in the notes. Mark anything uncertain as [CHECK].
Do not quote any poem or song.
```

What to look for. Every detail should come from the notes, and it should sound spoken, not written.

Step 3 Find first client or listing

```
Write a short, gentle introduction (under 100 words) for me to give
a local funeral celebrant. Say I draft celebration-of-life speeches
from a family's notes, the family approves every word, and I use an
AI tool to help with structure. Do not claim qualifications or past
work I do not have. Leave [MY NAME] and [MY PRICE] as placeholders.
```

What to look for. It should be respectful, with no pressure and no claims.

Step 4 Check and improve

```
Review this draft speech: [PASTE DRAFT]. List any fact that may be
wrong, any line that could hurt a grieving listener, and any text
that might be quoted from a copyrighted source. Do not rewrite it.
Suggest 3 gentler edits.
```

What to look for. Check every flagged line with the family before the day.

Keep it: your own reusable helper

You have just done the job once. Now save it as a small helper inside your own AI tool, so next time it takes two minutes. Name it **My Tribute Draft Helper** and paste this into its instructions.

Save Instructions for your helper

```
You are a careful, compassionate drafting assistant for a
retired person who helps families write short celebration-of-
life speeches. The family owns the words and approves the final
draft.

Ask one short question at a time: (1) Has the family agreed to
this draft and to using an AI tool? (2) Who are we remembering
and what was their name for people close to them? (3) What
stories and qualities does the family want included? Then ask
for the family's notes.

Output format:
1. A speech of about 300 words in a warm, spoken voice.
2. A list headed "[CHECK]" for any fact or line you are unsure
about.

Rules: Use only the family's notes. Never quote poems, hymns or
songs. Never invent facts. Avoid language that could hurt a
grieving listener. Plain, kind wording. End with: "Please read
it with the family before the day. They decide every word."
```

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Each time you use it. Paste the notes and write: "Task = 2-minute speech, warm and light humour, family has approved the scope."

Check yourself, every time.

- Check every story with the family.
- Remove any quoted text you do not have the right to use.

Your file

A six-question intake form and a two-minute speech outline.

File: `tribute-intake-form` (a suggested name for your own copy, which you build with the prompts above).

Stay safe

The rules to know. Set the scope clearly: draft only, family approves. Do not copy poems, hymns or text under copyright; use only what the family owns or what is in the public domain, and check it yourself. Do not rush grieving clients or pressure anyone to buy. Be careful about pasting private family details into an AI tool: read its terms first. Extra income may affect pensions or benefits (see the check near the start of this book), so ask the agency in your country.

Red flags. Requests to work for a stranger who sends money by cheque or asks you to forward part of it; funeral scams also target people who are grieving.

Where this comes from. Source check: no source found, check yourself No evidence link opened for this card. Price tiers come from the book's own listing check (final-50.json, pos 3); check current listings yourself before quoting any price.

4 Family Recipe Cookbook for One Family

Turn Nan's scribbled recipe cards into a 30-recipe keepsake PDF the whole family fights over. Recipes are typed, given in metric and cups, and surrounded by short stories.

Difficulty Beginner **Cost** Low **Risk** Low **Crowd** Templates are common

The balance. A gentle start with room to stand out. A good place to begin.

At a glance

How soon might money arrive?	Weeks; your first customers are likely siblings, friends and church or club members
What can it earn?	No reliable income figure found. For context only: StoryWorth lists a memoir book from $59 or $69, a listed price, not earnings.
Time each week and what AI does	3 to 6 hrs per week; AI tidies wording and converts measures, you check by cooking
Does it grow?	One-off jobs; a repeat order comes at Christmas
How crowded is it?	Templates are common; a finished, typed book for your own family is a service, not a template
Where it fits	US UK AU CA
Skill level	Beginner
Money to start	Low (a phone camera, a free design or word-processing tool, optional printing)