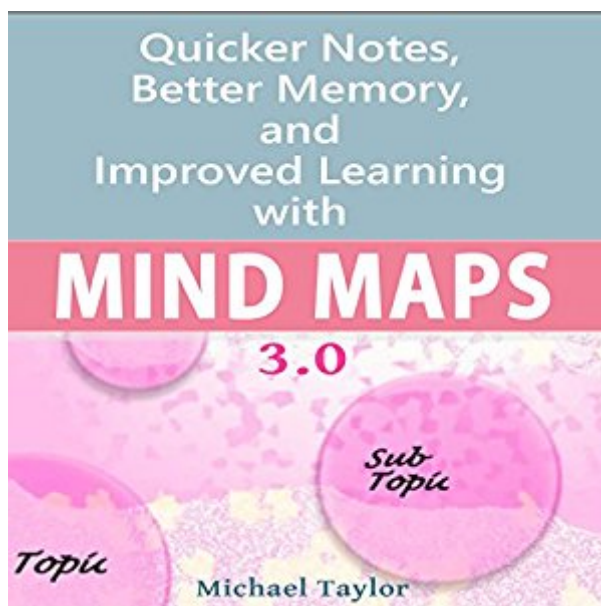


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# Mind Maps: Quicker Notes, Better Memory, And Improved Learning 3.0



## Synopsis

Mind mapping is a note-taking system which allows you to take better, faster, and more efficient notes. In conventional note-taking, you write down information line by line. With mind maps, you organize the information more in the form of a diagram, starting with a central key idea drawn in the center of the paper. In addition to enhancing your note taking skills, mind maps help you improve your studying, writing, presenting, brainstorming, and creative skills. It is one of the best note-taking skills anyone can learn.

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## Customer Reviews

I've been messing with mind maps off and on for some time and really have never quite gotten the hang of it despite a nagging feeling that it's something I should be using more. I'm a visual sort of person and mind maps can be a good way of creating expandable overviews of a subject. I've been looking for a good overview of mind mapping in general just to see if there's something about it that I'm missing. This book provides descriptions of several possible uses for mind mapping, both hand drawn and computer generated. The emphasis is more on hand drawn mind maps, for example, for note taking and research. Being a computer geek I tend to like to use software whenever possible. This book is a little light on the software end of things, but that's primarily because it doesn't really matter whether you're doing it by hand or via software. The principles are the same. In general, I found the book to be informative and helpful in understanding the mind mapping concept. Suggestions for uses of mind mapping brought up other areas where mind mapping might be useful.

Now it's up to me to work more with mind maps to get a better handle on the mechanics of them.

It's a beautifully written book that clearly explains what mind maps are and all the many ways one can apply it in their life. There are many examples, illustrations, and case studies that walk you through the entire process so you know exactly what to do and how. Besides learning about mind maps, you'll learn useful tips on how to be a better note-taker, writer, brainstormer, planner, etc. It's well worth the money, time and effort.

Not knowing much about mind mapping before reading this book I was thoroughly intrigued by all the useful information this book had for me and a bit surprised that I hadn't discovered mind maps already as I'm an avid non-fiction reader and always trying to retain more of that information I'm taking in. As a writer I can see mind mapping being my new favourite planning and information gathering tool and I'll look forward to returning to this book to refer to the well laid-out instructions for the various uses. I especially liked the inclusion of the disadvantages as well as advantages of mind mapping, (advantages still outweigh the disadvantages in most situations) just to be aware of some things I may not have thought of on my own. There was very detailed, easy-to-follow instruction on how to layout a mind map and the situational examples provided really helped me to see how I could implement it in various areas of my life. A couple of other neat things I got out of this book were the ways to use and teach mind mapping to children (as a homeschooling Mom, I'll be using this a lot!!) and some quick and comprehensive insights into speed reading, which I've been meaning to learn more about for awhile. I actually feel that everyone would benefit from reading this book to be able to simplify life a little with mind mapping, but to narrow it down a bit, this is definitely a must read for students or anyone that is learning, writers, and anyone in business that needs to organize thoughts for idea development and/or presentations.

If you're after a book that helps you manage those pesky thoughts into some kind of order, then this book might help! As an aspiring novelist, I've found that my biggest problem is not the writing or the idea itself, rather it's figuring out how to turn what's in my head into something legible on paper. Sometimes you just have too many thoughts you want to use but no way to order them in a clear, efficient way. This book has helped me with that. I was first introduced to the idea of Mind Maps in college, but it seemed like just a passing mention at the time that delivered no explanation whatsoever. So when I picked up this book, I not only recognized the term but it all suddenly began to make a lot more sense; if I used Mind Mapping to plan my books, it would serve by helping me to

understand, relate and connect the information much more concisely and, best yet, at a glance! The author seems to be forward thinking too. Just when I was hoping the idea could work for my specific wants and needs, along comes the chapter entitled `other uses of Mind Maps'. This chapter covered what I would consider the more everyday uses of Mind Maps, including suggestions and guidelines on how best to use them in these scenarios. Overall, this book was easy to read, very insightful and rather helpful in offering a way to order my thoughts in a world that is constantly getting busier and busier. I would recommend anyone who is looking for a little bit of order in their lives (and let's face it, who isn't) to have a read.

Taylor does an excellent job in this book of extensively explaining the theory and purpose of mind mapping, including why it is special without being annoyingly dogmatic and insistent that everyone must do it this way. He then moves into the actual practice of creating and using mind maps. This advice would also be helpful for people who want to learn to create better outlines. I was glad to be able to pick this up during the free GAW! Highly recommended!

I hear talk of mind maps all the time. Those who use it are always praising it. I read a couple books in the past and didn't see what the big deal was. Then I came across this book and now I understand. The other books I read weren't that good in terms of explanations or examples. This book does an exceptional job of teaching mind maps. You can tell the author is passionate about this subject and goes above and beyond for his readers. If you've always been interested in understanding all the hype about mind maps, I recommend reading this book. I'm glad I did.

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