CHECKLIST BEAUTIFUL + SMART

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I have asked myself the seven key questions that will help me narrow down my sub-niche--and brand

I have taken a close, clear look at:
Myself, my lifestyle, mission and dreams
My ideal client's personality, lifestyle, mission and dreams
I have ascertained:
Where she is now, compared to where I was, when I was struggling
Whether or not her story parallels mine
I have pinpointed major connection points with this client
I am ensuring my USP is unique enough
I have gauged the amount of competition from other brands
I have identified and tapped into core values that we both share
I am making the most of the following to reinforce my brand:
Language
Visuals
Colors
Graphics
Quotes

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Headlines
Music
Fonts
Style
Special effects
Other
I am paying attention to the subtleties of color, when choosing a color palette for my website:
Tone
Intensity
Saturation or transparency
Softness or hardness
Whether or not I need pure or diluted color
Other
I am aware that each color—and how they relate to each other—sends a mood and a message to my visitor
I have determined:
What values I want to convey
What mood I want my visitors to pick up on

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What emotions and feelings do I want to evoke in my ideal client? I have studied the websites of peers and competitors to get an idea of color schemes I like I have created a Pinterest inspiration board for my brand I wrote my story in one go, before going back and editing or outsourcing its final polish I feel excited because I have shared my story, and scared to death to let people see the real me I have written: A long version of my story A short version of my story A one or two-line version of my story that can double as my brand's mission statement My story includes: What I do Where I am coming from (my big 'why I do this') A call to action I have studied long and short bios on Amazon Author pages and the backs of books

care about my visitor

I have made sure that even my short bio shares at least one fact on why I

- My one or two-line summary contains information on:
 - What I do
 - Why I do it
- I have created my true story to qualify my ideal visitor and disqualify the wrong one

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