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Have you ever wanted to help promote and market your book, but haven't known where to start? These helpful tips will steer you in the right direction...

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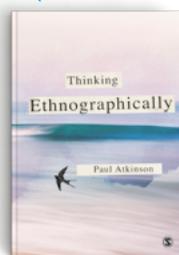
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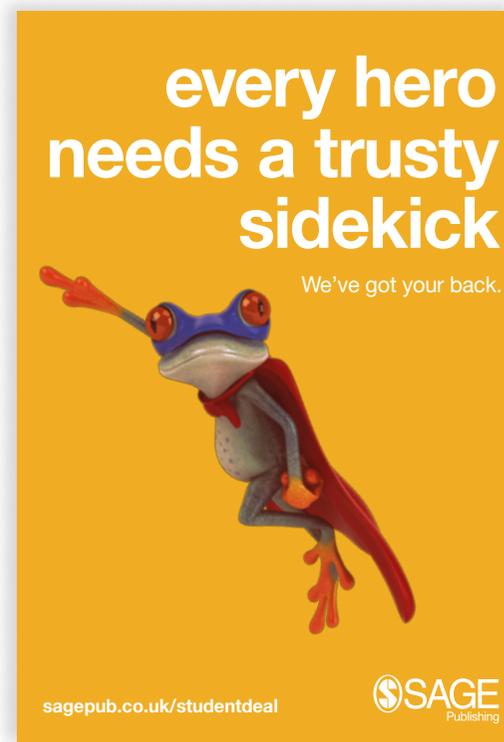
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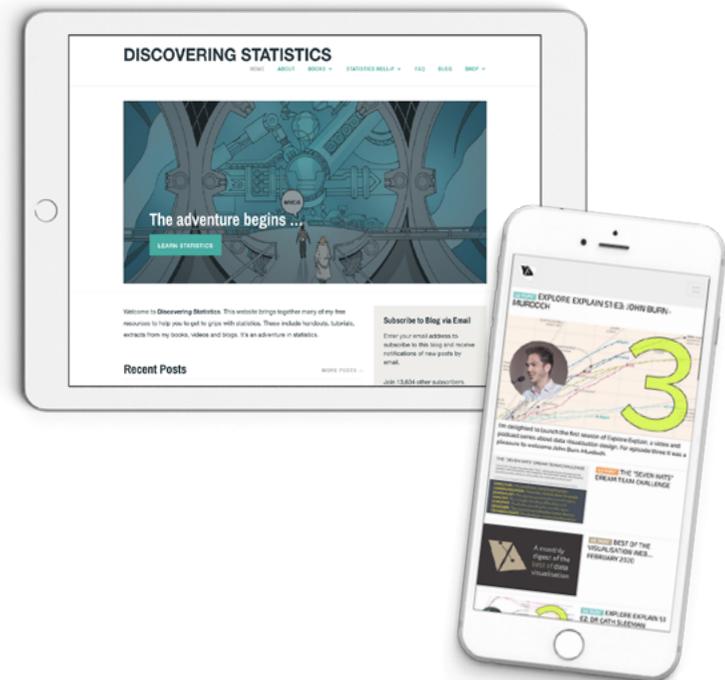
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Some ideas to try

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- If there are any current events that are related to your book's topic, get involved in the conversation.
- Create hashtags around the themes in your book (not just your book's title) and get conversations going.
- Why not start weekly chats with your readers or students? Try setting up a specific time on a Friday afternoon for example, when you are available for your Twitter followers.



Video meetings

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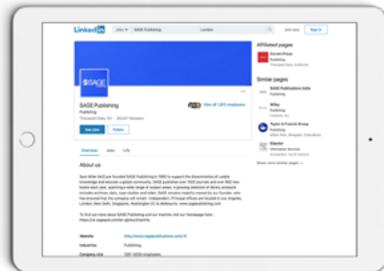
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LinkedIn

- Make sure you add your book to your 'Professional Headline' and 'Experience' sections. After that, you can encourage friends to 'recommend' your book in 'Recommendations'.
- Use the 'Update' feature to tell people about your book. Share your update with groups and Twitter.
- Do you have an excerpt of your book? You can upload it to your profile, share it with your groups and use it to support ongoing discussions. If not you could use the sample chapter from your book page on the SAGE website.
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Social Networking Do's and Don'ts

- Be careful not to spam users of these sites with messages about your book.
- Make sure that you list your book on your profile to aid discoverability.
- Contribute to online discussions. If other users appreciate your contribution then they may be more interested in viewing your book.

Online discussion lists, groups or forums

Do you participate in or are you aware of any online discussion lists or forums related to your book? For example, there are many run by JISC (jisc.ac.uk) and on Google and Yahoo Groups.

- Post a message announcing your new book with a link to our website or Amazon.

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These sites offer an immediate way to monitor what other people are looking at in your field of research and to engage with related online conversations. Take a look at Methodspace (methodspace.com) and Academia.edu (academia.edu), ORCID (orcid.org) and Kudos (growkudos.com).

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