

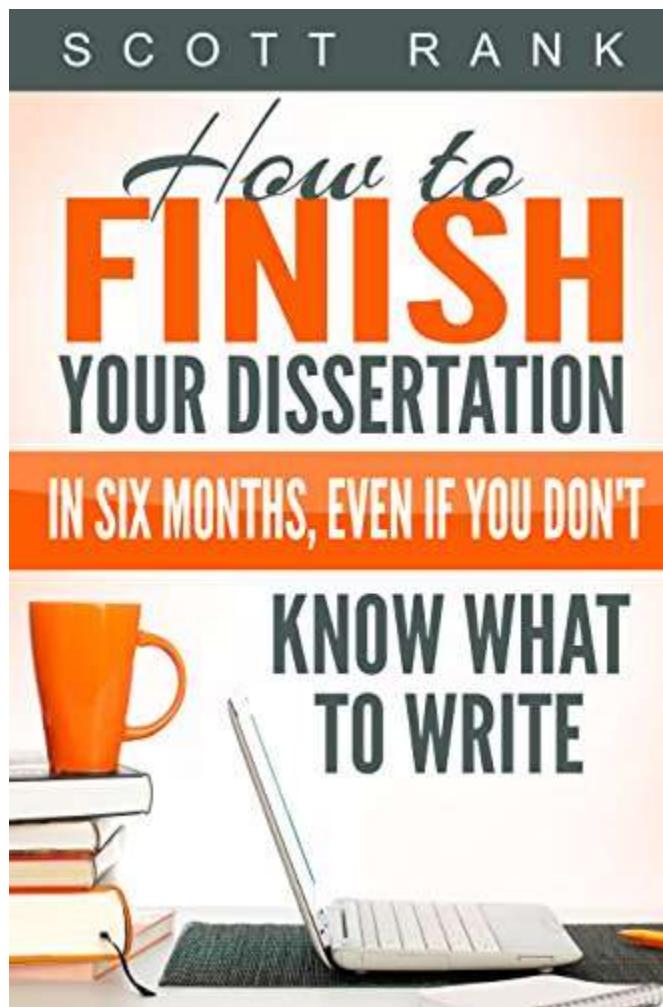
Introducing a Book:

*How to Finish Your Dissertation in Six Months,
Even if You Don't Know What to Write*

Author: Scott Rank

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Indian M.Phil. and Ph.D. research scholars will find this short book very encouraging. The author Scott Rank reports how he managed to overcome his “crippling writer’s block” to achieve the skill and comfort to write everyday 500 to 1000 words of his dissertation. Initial hesitation, reluctance, and inferiority complex all should be overcome with confidence. But this confidence should result in real progress of writing the dissertation. For this the author Scott Rank shares his own experience with us in a language easy to follow, understand and practice.

The author had published several books in Kindle Direct Publishing already. But when it came to writing the first draft of his dissertation, “nothing would come out.” He had already collected plenty of data for his Ph.D. in history. Initially he could write only one paragraph per hour. Unlike most of our Indian students and faculty members, Scott Rank seems to have had usually no difficulty in listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. However, when it came to writing the dissertation, a long report usually with several chapters, his speed was slow, indeed. It is all some sort of paralysis, and most Ph.D. scholars suffered from it initially. Scott Rank had the mental image of how his advisors would look at his first draft of his dissertation: He saw them scrutinizing his chapter critically as usual, “recommending a change here, a deletion there or even calling my entire first chapter into question.”

Scott Rank considered the writing career of two great authors, Isaac Asimov and Ernest Hemingway. Both were prolific writers, but they had different approach to writing. Their examples encouraged them. Rabindranath Tagore, Prem Chand and R. K. Narayan, Dr. M. Varadarajan, C. N. Annadurai and Kalaignar Karunanidhi, et al. are good examples for us to follow. Arignar Anna (C. N. Annadurai) was a busy statesman-politician with so many programs to participate in every day. Yet, he wrote many stories, novels, plays and movie dialogues, etc., apart from daily powerful political commentaries he wrote. Hopefully, the Supervisors of the M.Phil. and Ph.D. students would have their own ways to encourage their students how to go about writing the dissertation bit by bit every day.

Scott Rank offers five basic steps or principles. For each of these principles he gives the source of origin, that is, the individual writer or famous persons in different fields, who presented and practiced that step:

1. Don’t Break the Chain.
2. How to Make It Impossible Not to Write Every Day.
3. How To Write Even If You Don’t Know Your Thesis Statement.
4. How To Get Your Friends To Help You Finish Your Dissertation.

This short book is available in Kindle. Scott Rank also offers less expensive but detailed online course (<https://www.udemy.com/course/finish-your-thesis/>).

Writing a dissertation is a great challenge for all students. However, with systematic plan and pursuit, when daily writing strategy is adopted, we should be able to complete our first draft

of the dissertation. Do not get exasperated. Equip yourself with ideas from experienced scholars-writers such Scott Rank.

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