Story Bible Template

Nine sections for a novel or a book series. Gray italic rows are an invented example (Harbor Lights series, Book 1: The Salt Ledger); type over them. Series tag: Series canon · New in this book · Changed in this book · Retired. Free to use. From litmemo.com/en/templates/series-bible-sheet

Books

Book	Title	In-story dates	What happens	Series arc at the end
Book 1	*The Salt Ledger*	*Spring 2024*	*Maren makes the truth about the 1987 storm public*	*Inquiry reopened; the fire still unexplained*

Characters

Name	Born / age in Book 1	Fixed details (looks, voice)	Wants / secret	First mentioned	Series tag
Maren Holt	*1990 / 34*	*Gray eyes; left-handed; calls her brother “Eli”*	*Protect her father's name / hasn't been on a boat since nine*	*B1 ch. 1*	*Series canon*

Places

Place	What it looks, sounds, smells like	Fixed facts	First mentioned	Series tag
Gullhaven, Maine	*Diesel and kelp at low tide*	*Pop. 1,900; one road in*	*B1 ch. 1*	*Series canon*

World rules

Rule	What it allows	What it forbids or costs	First mentioned	Series tag
Ferry stops running in November	*Winter books feel cut off*	*No one leaves without a boat*	*B1 ch. 10*	*Series canon*

Timeline

Date	Event	Ages at the time	Where (book, ch.)	Series tag
Oct 12, 1987	*The storm: three men drown*	*Reese 24, Tom 31*	*B1 ch. 5, 14*	*Series canon*

Threads & clues

Thread or clue	Planted	Hints	Paid off	Status
The $40 monthly cash advance	*B1 ch. 1*	*ch. 7, 9*	*B1 ch. 14*	*Paid off*

Style sheet

Word or name	Use	Don't use	Pronunciation	Notes
Gullhaven	*one word*	*Gull Haven*	*GULL-hay-ven*	

Open questions

Question	Why it matters	Decide by	Answer
Who set the cannery fire?	*It drives Book 2*	*B2 midpoint*	

Change log

Book	Entry	End of previous book	In this book	Where on the page
Book 2	*Gullhaven cannery*	*Closed (B1 ch. 27)*	*Reopens as a co-op*	*B2 ch. 2*
