

## Save the Cat Beat Sheet — 100,000 Word Novel

Based on Jessica Brody's Save the Cat Writes a Novel method, scaled for a 100,000-word manuscript in a 9"×6" paperback format (~300 words per page).

| Beat                   | % of Novel | Words (approx.) | Pages (approx.) | Page Range |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Opening Image          | 1%         | 1,000           | 3               | 1–3        |
| Theme Stated           | 5%         | 5,000           | 17              | 4–20       |
| Set-Up                 | 10%        | 10,000          | 33              | 21–53      |
| Catalyst               | 1%         | 1,000           | 3               | 54–56      |
| Debate                 | 10%        | 10,000          | 33              | 57–89      |
| Break into Two         | 1%         | 1,000           | 3               | 90–92      |
| B Story                | 5%         | 5,000           | 17              | 93–109     |
| Fun & Games            | 20%        | 20,000          | 67              | 110–176    |
| Midpoint               | 1%         | 1,000           | 3               | 177–179    |
| Bad Guys Close In      | 20%        | 20,000          | 67              | 180–246    |
| All Is Lost            | 1%         | 1,000           | 3               | 247–249    |
| Dark Night of the Soul | 5%         | 5,000           | 17              | 250–266    |
| Break into Three       | 1%         | 1,000           | 3               | 267–269    |
| Finale                 | 15%        | 15,000          | 50              | 270–319    |
| Final Image            | 1%         | 1,000           | 3               | 320–322    |
| Total                  | 100%       | 100,000         | 333             | 1–333      |