

# PARALLEL: the game plan

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**Goal:** To complete my novel, PARALLEL, by the Target Date (15 chapters in 13 weeks)

**Start Date:** January 25, 2010 (first Monday after we bring Lil Mil home from the hospital)

**Completion Target Date:** April 24, 2010 (13 weeks after Start Date (12 weeks + Bonus Week))

**Rules of Play:** (1) Weeks begin on Monday and end on Sundays; (2) No writing on Sundays; (3) Week of March 1st - 7th is a "Bonus Week" (no obligation to write and doesn't count towards 12 weeks); (4) At least 2 hours of focused writing time per day; (5) Once a day must write at least 1 page -- quickly -- when the clock reads all the same numbers (e.g. 2:22, 4:44, 11:11); (6) Dictation/voice recordings count towards 2 hour writing requirement; (7) Must have at least 1 meal a day with Husband and Lil Mil (provided Husband is home at a meal time - if he's at work, I'm off the hook!); (8) Must read at least 500 words of PARALLEL to Lil Mil every day;

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## MONTH ONE: January 25th -

the **CLOCK:** 90 days left

### week ONE: 1/25 - 1/31

Complete revisions to Chapters 1 - 3

Expand outline from to 50 pages

**january**  
m t w t f s s  
25 26 27 28 29 30 31

### week TWO: 2/1 - 2/7

Complete rough draft of Chapter 4

**february**

### week THREE: 2/8 - 2/14

Complete rough draft of Chapter 5

**m t w t f s s**  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
15 16 17 18 19 20 21

### week FOUR: 2/15 - 2/21

Revise and polish Chapters 4 and 5

Expand outline of Chapters 6 - 10

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## MONTH TWO: February 22nd - March 28th\*

the **CLOCK**: 62 days left

### week ONE: 2/22 - 2/28

Complete rough draft of Chapter 6

Expand outline of Chapter 7

### BONUS WEEK: 3/1 - 3/7

*NO TASKS! Happy birthday to me. :)*

### week TWO: 3/8 - 3/14

Complete rough draft of Chapter 7

Expand outline of Chapters 8 - 9

### week THREE: 3/15 - 3/21

Complete rough draft of Chapter 8

Complete rough draft of Chapter 9

Expand outline of Chapter 10

### week FOUR: 3/22 - 3/28

Complete rough draft of Chapter 10

Revise and polish Chapters 6-9

**february**  
**m t w t f s s**  
22 23 24 25 26 27 28

**march**  
**m t w t f s s**  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
15 16 17 18 19 20 21  
22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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## MONTH THREE March 29th - April 24th

the **CLOCK**: 27 days left

### week ONE: 3/29 - 4/4

Complete rough draft of Chapter 11

Expand outline of Chapters 12 - 13

### week TWO: 4/5 - 4/11

Complete rough draft of Chapter 12

Expand outline of Chapters 14 - 15

### week THREE: 4/12 - 4/18

Complete rough draft of Chapter 13

Complete rough draft of Chapter 14

### week FOUR: 4/19 - 4/24

Complete rough draft of Chapter 15

Revise and polish Chapters 11 - 15

### m a r c h

m	t	w	t	f	s	s
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

### a p r i l

m	t	w	t	f	s	s
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Complete rough draft of ENTIRE NOVEL!!!