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## Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist plans to write memoir

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If so, Bill Frist plans on writing it.

This week, the Senate majority leader from Tennessee will begin shopping a book proposal to New York and Tennessee publishers about "the amazing experiences he has had during those two careers and the lessons he has learned from them," said Robert Barnett, a Washington, D.C., lawyer representing Frist on the project.

To be written with collaborator Ken Abraham, it probably will come out in 2007 or early 2008 — just in time for the next presidential election.

Releasing a book in an election year is a tradition for presidential aspirants.

"It's a good forum for a potential candidate," said John Geer, political scientist at Vanderbilt University. "They can lay out their views on lots of issues, lay out their personal history, use it as a forum to talk about mistakes they've made and things they're proud of."

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