Introduction

1. Elements of Fine Writing

2. Purpose of the Notebook
   Goal, Quest, Story

3. Chance Particulars
   Use of the Senses
   Specificity, Precision, and Concrete Detail

4. Place
   Landscape and Nature
   Towns, Streets, and Buildings

5. People
   Portraits and Interviews
   Encounters, Observations, and Activities

6. Facts, History, and Culture
   Basic Facts, History, and Cultural Observations

7. Technical and Other Pertinent Information
   Informational Notes

8. Chronicle
   Record of Daily Activities and Travels

9. Personal Responses
   Feelings and Contemplations

10. Commonplace Notes
    Quotations and Thoughts from Experts, Scholars, and Literary Forebears-and Other Miscellanea

11. Associations and Figurative Language
    Metaphor and Simile

12. Reflections
    Thoughts and Musings

13. Writing Notes

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