How to Surface The Most Useful Reading Highlights in Obsidian

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I've been a subscriber to a service called Readwise for quite a while now and I feel it is truly game changing.

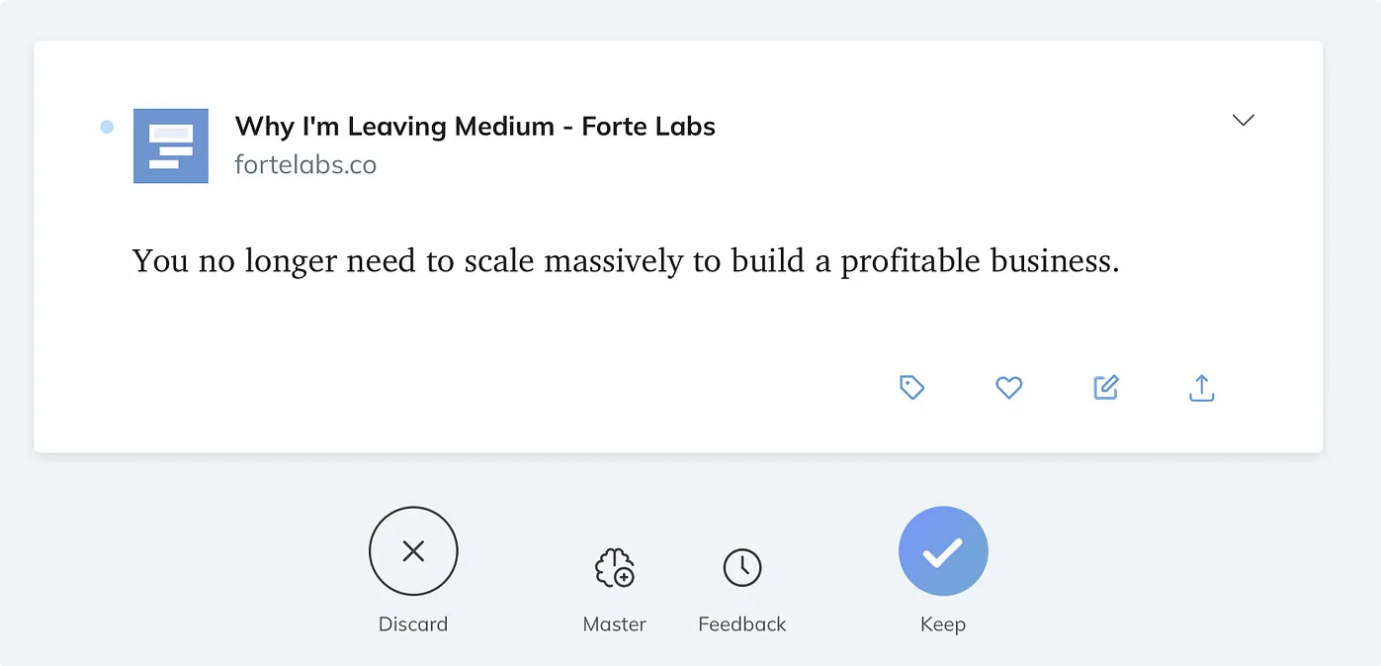
What Readwise lets you do is capture your highlights and notes from many different sources (e.g. Kindle, Instapaper, Pocket, Shortform, ...). *The overall idea is that highlighting or capturing notes from what you*

read is pretty useless unless you revisit them, and most people probably don't.

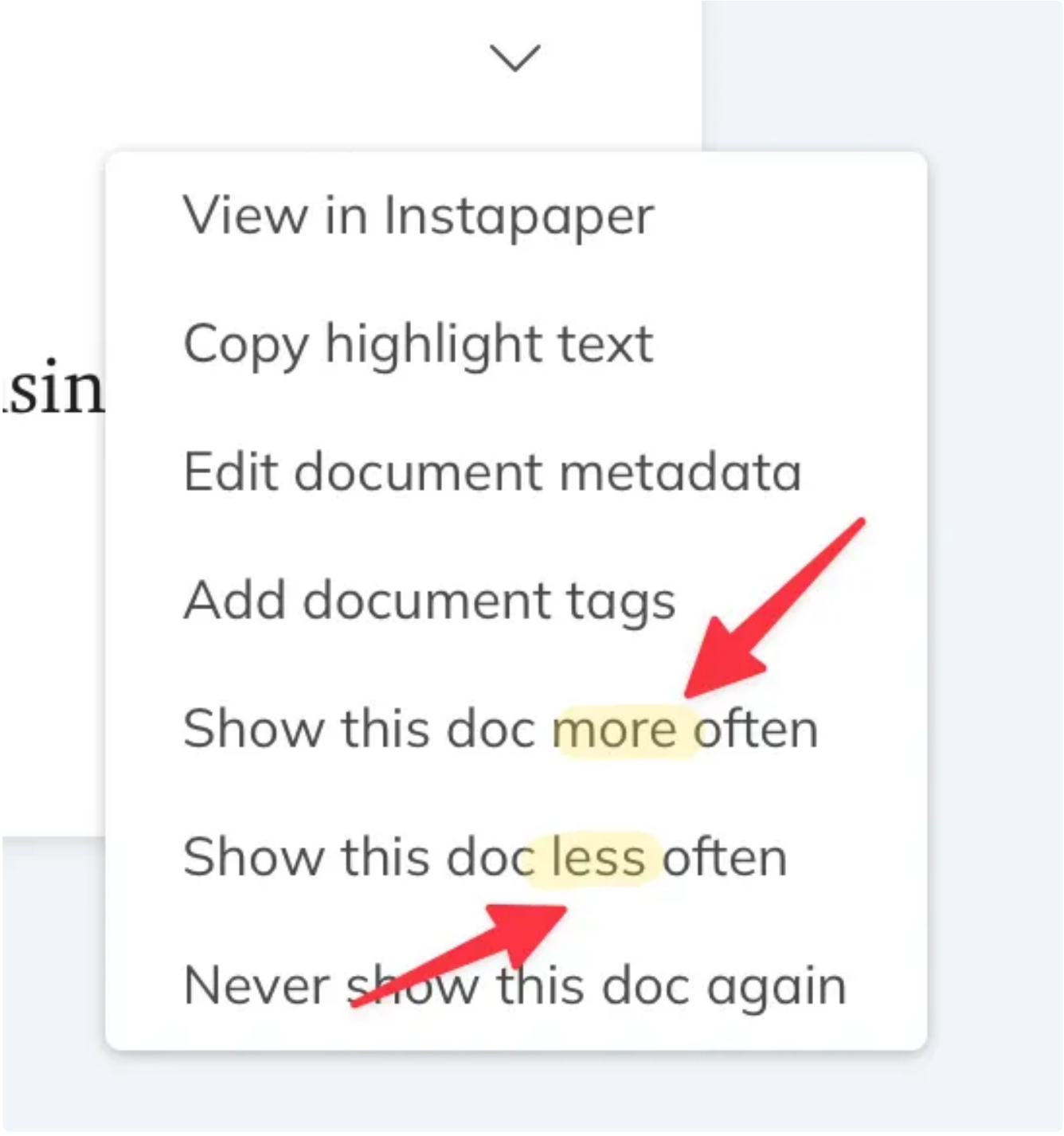
Readwise offers a way to review your highlights via Spaced Repetition to remember useful highlights and incorporate them into your work. Using their service to periodically review the highlights using this method can prove invaluable.

For example, if I come across a resurfaced highlight that resonated with me in my "Readwise review', the nice thing is that I've set up Readwise to export my highlights to Obsidian where the article is already represented as a note. *I find that this is really useful to help better isolate useful ideas and connect them with my other notes and what's on my mind.*

To give you an idea as to how this spaced repetition system works in Readwise, here is an example of a surfaced highlight during a review session:

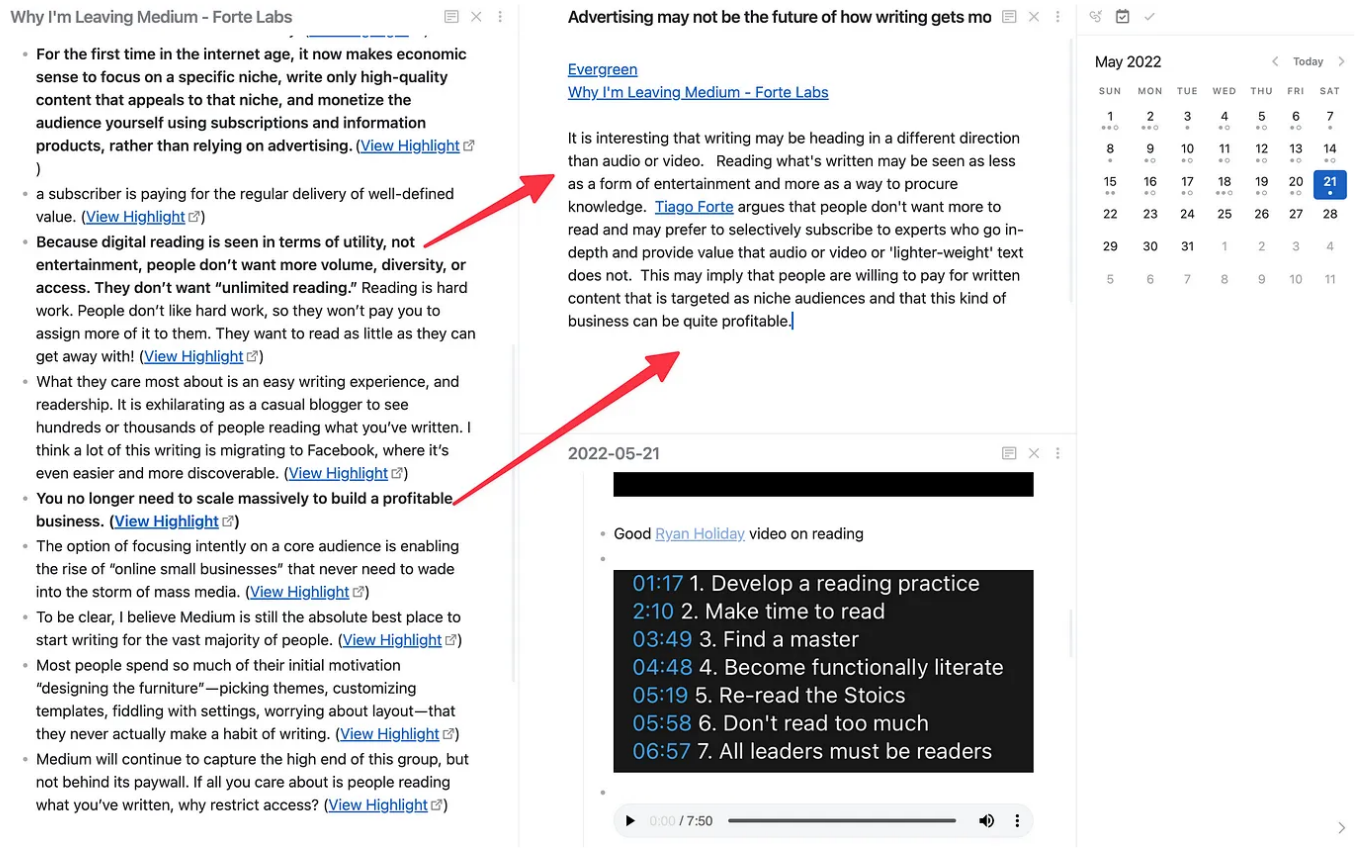


You can choose to keep or discard the highlight. And you can also choose to see fewer or more of that highlight in the future (there are keyboard shortcuts for this as well):



You only see a few highlights at a time in any given review so it doesn't take very long. Below is an example of how you can used resurfaced high-

lights from Readwise to create a more long-lasting note written in your own words:



Hope you enjoyed this tip and if you're interested in how I use Obsidian to journal, here's a post I made about that:

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