**Ideas**:

* **What the book is: Crime noir about a serial killer on the loose in a *galaxy spanning (not exactly)* mystery.**
* **Premise:** It’s the year 2098. Mars has been colonized and augmented reality has become ubiquitous throughout the *Interstellar Federation of Nations*. A series of bone-chilling and very disturbing murders have the entire country on edge. Rookie detective James ‘Jim’ Speck along with his seasoned partner Nancy Kolady are on the case. What appears to be another one in the list of serial killer cases that have gripped the country over the years, reveals to be much more than Jim bargained for…
* **Plot points and ideas to cover:** 
  + Jim and Nancy investigate various murders and find patterns to the killings.
  + Nancy’s nightmares of the killer choosing her as his/her next victim.
  + Nancy has been on Mars all her life while Jim has just been transferred to the case from Earth.
  + The rich and elite are the ones on Earth while they have let the working class go to Mars first with alluring offers. They intend to use the lower levels of society to work and build up the infrastructure on Mars before they can go safely.
  + Only the rich has most of the land that hasn’t been polluted yet.
  + Scientists in the US are working on a revolutionary new technology (teleportation) which is stolen and the lead scientists murdered brutally by a serial killer.
  + The malicious entity behind these infiltrations and attacks are a leftist sponsored rebel faction that has established its own base on Mars.
  + The killer’s MO is that the victim’s throat is slit and [TBD]
  + After about 3-4 murders, a murder happens on Mars which fit the MO of the serial killer prompting the detective duo to get a trip to Mars sanctioned to investigate the case. (research about Mars travel).
  + Create a touching narrative about Nancy’s son and her often grey ideals after being a hardened veteran in the crime fighting scene.
  + The serial killer gets nabbed but still leaves Jim without closure hinting at higher forces at play. Just as Jim shakes these nagging feelings, Nancy gets murdered and the first book ends.
  + Explain in brief about the Martian Race and the quest to claim Martian land by various space launch capable countries (India being one among them). *[To be explored in sequel]*
  + Subtle reminders of a revolutionary new technology (Portals) being advertised by giant tech company and whose launch is imminent. *[To be explored in sequel and major plot point that will tie in the transportation industry lobbyists with the serial killings]*
  + A Indo-US joint stealth infiltration operation to defeat the rogue nation.

**Themes to explore:**

* You need to feel the blues to know how happy feels like. If you’re happy all the time, how would you even know you’re happy if you don’t have a sad experience to compare with?
* Commentary on capitalism that only really allows the rich and powerful to settle on Mars. Meanwhile there are schemes on earth to send people on a vacation to Mars for a financing plan.
* Fun news report in the background of new tombs discovered on Mars.