**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.
  + The killer’s MO is that the victim’s throat is slit and
  + 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]*
  + Also introduce a radicalized state formed on Mars by a faction of elites. *[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]*

**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.