Making Maps: A Visual Guide to Map Design for GIS, authored by Denis Wood and myself, was published in 2005. We just completed a major revision, to be published later this year. Academics don't talk much about the myriad issues involved in writing a textbook, although it is a relatively common academic activity. Even less considered are the forms and functions of the textbook, and how texts relate to the academic fields they represent. The academic text is ripe for critique from a diversity of perspectives. I will saunter through 27 thoughts, issues, ideas, events, and details related to putting together a textbook. Some are practical, others raise concerns from a critical, academic perspective.

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