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DEVELOPMENTAL EDITING

Sign up for developmental editing when you have a workable draft of your book. This is the first step to take to ensure your story is told the way you want it to be told. Developmental editing includes the elements below, as well as line/copyediting.

STRUCTURAL EDITING

- Assesses the overall manuscript structure and organization
- Identifies logical flow issues and suggests reordering of chapters or sections
- Analyzes pacing and suggests adjustments to keep the story engaging

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

- Evaluate character motivations and depth
- Identifies inconsistencies in character arcs
- Suggests ways to make characters more relatable and complex

PLOT ANALYSIS

- Examines plot points and identifies potential plot holes
- Assesses the overall plot arc and suggests improvements to key turning points

THEME AND MESSAGE CLARITY

- Identifies the central themes of the manuscript
- Ensures the themes are effectively conveyed throughout the story
- Suggests ways to strengthen the thematic impact

NARRATIVE VOICE AND TONE

- Analyzes the writing style and voice consistency
- Suggest adjustments to align the voice with the genre and target audience

CONTENT EVALUATION

- Assesses the quality of research and supporting evidence (in non-fiction)
- Identifies areas where additional information or clarification is needed

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LINE OR COPYEDITING

When your story is as good as you can get it, get another set of skilled eyes on it to find any inconsistencies.

- ✓ Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation: Corrects errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and syntax.

- ✓ Consistency: Ensures consistency in spelling, hyphenation, formatting, and capitalization, especially in names, terms, and places.

- ✓ Sentence Structure: Improves awkward or unclear sentence structure without altering the meaning.

- ✓ Clarity and Flow: Enhances readability by improving clarity, flow, and overall coherence.

- ✓ Tone and Style: Maintains or refines the appropriate tone and style per the document's intended purpose and audience.

- ✓ Word Choice: Recommends better word choices for clarity, accuracy, or consistency.

- ✓ Fact-Checking: Verifies general facts, dates, names, and other specific details if required

- ✓ Consistency with Style Guides: Ensures the document adheres to the Chicago Manual of Style or other specific style guidelines as required by the author or publisher.

PROOFREADING

Before you send your manuscript to publication, run one last check for correctness.

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