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Need to get unbiased comments on your manuscript from a professional editor? Wondering if it's ready for an agent/publisher? I provide a variety of manuscript editing services. I treat each manuscript with the time and attention it deserves. Agents and editors see so many manuscripts today that they can afford to pass on one that requires work, knowing that the mail will likely bring many more. Many writers rely on freelance editors to polish their material before it goes out. In today's competitive publishing arena, the need for polished and professional manuscripts is obvious.

Services I offer include copyediting, proofreading, manuscript critique, story analysis, and guidance in how to pitch your material and shape your proposal. I have more than 20 years of experience editing, critiquing and guiding writers of all skill levels. My specialties are picture books, biographies for children, cooking-related topics for children, and children's concept books. I also have extensive experience with manuscript critique and story analysis.

To begin, please send me an email containing the following information, so I can get an idea of the type of project you're working on (in the subject line be sure to put "critique requested")

1. Word count of complete project
2. A one-sentence summary of the project and a one-paragraph summary including the ending
3. What kind of editing are you in need of:

*Copyediting*--a review of the material to make sure it is clear, easy to read, and error-free.

*Proofreading and Line Editing*--corrects spelling, usage, punctuation and word errors.

*Developmental editing*--reviews the manuscript for the big picture, plot and character development, flow and telling the story, characterization, structure, style)

*Critique / Evaluation* --points out strengths and weaknesses and offers revision suggestions.

#### Rates

1500 words or less = \$45

1501-5000 words = \$125

5000-10,000 = \$250

Turnaround is generally about 3 weeks. I accept checks and credit card payments through PayPal (although I prefer checks). Cash through the mail is NEVER a good idea. You will receive a copy of your manuscript marked with comments and edits. You will also receive a one to five page critique that points out strengths and weaknesses and revision suggestions. Your work is treated with the highest ethical standards and is never shown to anyone else without your permission.

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