

Editing Services Contract

This contract outlines the full list of Seven Story Publishing's editing services. Each item will be outlined and bullet points will be provided about what each item entails. Seven Story Publishing provides Manuscript Assessment, Proofreading, Formatting, Copy Editing, Line Editing, Developmental Editing, and Comprehensive Editing Services. These services are priced professionally as a flat project fee. We do this to help authors calculate their costs for production of a high quality manuscript and prevent fluctuations in pricing.

Seven Story Publishing also engages in grandfather pricing, meaning the price the author and Seven Story Publishing agrees to is the price that's paid, no exceptions. The author can make changes that cover the scope of the agreed upon project at no extra charge. Should the author want to make changes outside the scope of the initial project, they will incur a fifty-percent add-on fee.

Should the author want to change the project entirely, the author will pay the difference between the initial project and the new project. The contract will also be rewritten to reflect the change. If the change requires removing a service, Seven Story Publishing will refund the difference at a prorated amount.

Editing Services Pricing

Manuscript Assessment (\$1099.99)

- Evaluates Premise and Market Positioning
- Analyzes Plot Architecture and Structural Pacing
- Tracks Characterization and Internal arcs
- Audits Worldbuilding and Internal Logic
- Examines POV & Narrative Voice
- Devises strategic Revision Roadmap

Proofreading (\$1,299.99)

- Checks for spelling, grammatical, and mechanical errors
- Confirms dialogue and Fiction Conventions
- Double checks Fiction-Specific Consistency
- Examines manuscript topography and layout
- Ensures finalized version is up to standard and there are no errors

Formatting (\$1,399.99)

- Front Matter
- Back Matter
- Body Matter and Layout Topography

- Chapter Openings
- Back Matter
- Technical File Prep (Character clean-up, Page & Section Breaks, widow and orphan control)
- Bespoke Interior Design

Copy Editing (\$1,799.99)

- Focuses on Correctness, Clarity, and Consistency
- Checks spelling, punctuation, grammar, syntax, and timeline accuracy
- Examines word choice and eliminates redundancies
- Ensures factual and continuity verification
- Adheres to Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS)

Line Editing (\$1,999.99)

- Focuses on how language sounds and feels
- Examines rhythm, voice, nuance, pacing, and emotional impact
- Reworks clunky phrases, trims redundancies, strengthens weak similes/metaphors, and tightens prose to serve story
- Examines and helps establish show vs. tell balance
- Enhances scene pacing and maintains narrative economy

Developmental Editing (\$3,499.99)

Evaluates story based on seven foundational pillars:

- **Plot & Structure:** Evaluates narrative arc, inciting incidents, escalating stakes, midpoint turns, and resolutions. Flags plot holes, contrivances, dropped plot threads, and pacing lulls.
- **Characterization & Arcs:** Analyzes whether the protagonist's internal emotional shift matches the external stakes. Checks character motivation, distinct voices, agency, and secondary character utility.
- **Pacing & Tension:** Measures the narrative rhythm. Checks for scenes that drag, exposition dumps, that stall momentum, or climaxes that feel rushed or unearned.
- **Point of View & Psychic Distance:** Identifies head hopping, breaks in perspective, and whether the chosen POV maximizes dramatic tension.
- **World-Building & Internal Logic:** Verifies that magic systems, technology rules, political hierarchies, and cultural frameworks remain consistent and do not contradict established lore.
- **Theme & Resonance:** Assesses what the book is about beneath the plot mechanics, ensuring key thematic motifs pay off by the final chapter.
- **Target Audience & Genre Conventions:** Evaluates reader expectations for the specific genre.

Author also receives:

- **Editorial Letter:** A detailed, high level report of about 5 to 20 pages. It breaks down the manuscript chapter by chapter and details what's working, what isn't, and actionable strategies for structural revision.
- **In-Manuscript Margin Comments:** Annotations throughout the document noting reader reactions, scenes where tension drops, questions about unclear motives, and spots needing expansion or deletion.

Comprehensive Editing (\$6,099.99)

Includes:

- Manuscript Assessment
- Developmental Editing
- Line Editing
- Copy Editing
- Proofreading
- Formatting

Services to be rendered:

Author Signature

Date

Founder of Seven Story Publishing

Date