

Manuscript Editing Definitions and Services Resource List

Before you search for an editor, know what kind of editor you need or want for your work. There are several different types:

- Substantive/structural editing (clarifying or reorganizing a manuscript for content and structure)
- Stylistic editing (clarifying meaning, eliminating jargon, polishing language, and other non-mechanical line-by-line editing)
- Copyediting (editing for grammar, usage, spelling, punctuation, and other mechanics of style; checking for consistency; placing artwork; editing tables, figures, and lists)
- Fact checking (checking accuracy of facts and quotes by referring to original sources used by the author or to other reference sources)
- Proofreading (checking proofs of formatted, edited material for errors in design and for minor mechanical errors in copy, such as spelling mistakes or small deviations from the style sheet)

Having an editor is important to make sure your work is the best it can be before you submit to an agent or publication. As the Canadian editors website states: “An editor can help make your message clear, correct, attractive and appropriate to your market.” (And remember, this is so important that even editors need editors! 😊)

Below is a list of editors or places you might look to find an editor:

The Christian Pen: Proofreaders and Editors Network—christianpen.com

This organization is for Christian editors or those interested in becoming an editor. You can contact them to match you with the type of editor you need.

Kathy Ide Book Services: www.kathyide.com

Kathy started and holds the Christian PEN convention, a national convention for Christian editors. She is a published author.

Her book *Proofreading Secrets of Best-Selling Authors* will teach you “...how best-selling authors proofread their manuscripts to avoid typos, inconsistencies, inaccuracies, and errors in punctuation, usage, grammar, and spelling.” It’s a great resource for any writer who wants to polish their manuscript and increase their chances of getting published.

Christian Editor Connection: www.Christian.Editor.com

They can connect with you with an editorial freelancer.

Donna Clark Goodrich: www.thewritersfriend.net

Donna has years of experience in writing and editing. She offers a variety of editing services at a different prices. (And I know from personal experience, she is a fabulous, kind-hearted mentor who is wonderful to work with!)

Donna is a published author.

Jenne Acevedo Word Solutions: www.jenneacevedo.com

Jenne has taken nine professional editing courses and holds certifications in a variety of editing areas. She is the current coordinator for PEN. She is a fabulous writer and does excellent work. Go to her website to learn more and email her for a list of prices. She lives in the Phoenix area and has spoken to our group.

Jenne is a published author.

Andrea and Chris Owan at The Ingenium Communicator Group:
andrea.icommgroup@gmail.com

Andrea and Chris provide substantive/structural editing, stylistic editing, copyediting (but not artwork placement), fact checking and proofreading services.

Andrea and Chris are published authors.

Adam Colwell's WriteWorks: www.adamcolwellwriteworks.com

Adam provides several services. His focus is helping writers self-publish and promote their memoirs, and he offers a publishing service. Adam lives in Tucson.

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You might also find a good, reasonably priced journalism school student who is a freelance editor at either the University of Arizona or Arizona State University, although Arizona State (in the past) has been more of a radio/television communication school rather than print-focused.