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Freelance Editor

Qualifications Include the Following:

- Extensive experience editing memoirs, science fiction, fantasy, mystery, fan fiction, short stories, self-help books, academic essays, academic journals, newsletters, reports, and essays.
- Professional training and experience working as a developmental editor, copy editor, and proofreader.
- Familiarity with standard style guides, including CMOS, AP, APA, and MLA.
- Proficiency with online and traditional research methods and data-checking techniques.
- Wide knowledge of the publishing process.
- Experience with MS Word, Excel, Acrobat, Photoshop, and Outlook.
- Experience teaching writing and English language skills to both native and nonnative speakers and writers.

Education:

- Ph.D. English from Washington State University (Pullman) in January 1998
- M.A. English from University of Idaho (Moscow) in 1986
- B.A. English from Western Washington University (Bellingham) in 1976

Editorial Courses & Certificates:

- Barbara Sjöholm's Author-Editor Clinic in Developmental Editing, 2008.
- TESL Certificate from Seattle University, 2009.
- Keys to Effective Editing (Jacquelyn Landis' online copyediting course), 2010.
- Copyediting Fiction: An Online Course (Editcetera/Zipporah Collins, instructor), 2010.
- Oregon Coast Children's Book Writers Workshop, 2014.
- Book Mapping for Editors (Editors Freelance Association), 2015.

- ACES Intermediate Editing Certificate (online at Poynter), 2024.
- UDEMY: Content Editing, 2026.

Work Experience as Freelance Editor and Writing Instructor:

- Freelance editor since 2006, editing on several levels to help writers produce high-caliber and publishable texts, including memoirs, self-help books, mysteries, young-adult novels, fan fiction, academic reports, essays, theses, marketing brochures, quarterly reports, employee handbooks, and many other projects.
- Instructor at North Seattle Community College, Continuing Education 2014–2018. “Review of Common Writing Errors.”
- Developmental editor under contract as freelance editor for Book Buddy Audio in 2015, Epic Press, 2016–2017.
- Writing Instructor at Edmonds Community College, 2012.
- Assistant editor on three academic journals at WSU 1988–1989.
- Instructional Assistant/Instructor at Washington State University and University of Idaho, from 1983–2005.

Selected List of Manuscripts:

As copy editor:

Ahlers, John P. *Papa’s Papers: A Memoir* (Unpublished)

_____. “Carinthia’s Story in Stamps: Unity, Self-Determination, and America’s Quiet Role.”

Bergstrom, K.M. & K.L. Campbell. *Inside The Journey*, 2014.

_____. *Living the Journey*, 2014.

_____. *Beyond the Journey*, 2015.

Bond, Mike. *Remember to Duck: A Trial Lawyer’s Memoir*, 2014.

Brewer, Roy. *Seventh Son*. 2019.

Bugni, Michael W. *Consumed*, 2014.

Crawford, Brian. *Prisoners of War* (young-adult series), 2016.

DuHamel, Thomas R. *The Ins and Outs of Poop: A Guide to Treating Childhood Constipation*, 2012.

Easterly, Sara W. *Searching for Mom: A Memoir of a Daughter’s Quest for the Perfect Mother*, 2019.

Layser, Earle. *Darkness Follows Light*, 2016.

Jarvis, Ingrid. *Losing Tina*, 2020.

White-Parks, Annette. *My Butterfly Girl*, 2013.

Rauschenbach Jr., Frederick Martine. *Boys of the Burning Sky*, 2026.

Reynolds, Tom K. *A Lullaby for Toby*, 2019.

_____. *The Dreams We Bring*, 2024.

Mannfield, Hugh. *A Place to Embrace*, 2014.

Waeschele, Amy. *Going Over the Falls*, 2017.

_____. *Meet Me on the Mountain*, 2018.

Wells, Steven M. *Harvest Homicide: A China Connection*.

As developmental editor:

Doughsmith, Jaime. *Card Up My Sleeve: Adventures of a Credit Card Smith*, 2015.

Follansbee, Joe. *Bet: Stowaway Daughter*, 2008.

_____. *The Future History of the Grail*, Books 1–3.

McPike, K.J. *XODUS*, 2015.

Murray, Arthur C. *The Badass Bureaucrat: A Memoir*, 2009.

Skogen, Jennifer. *Haunting of Grey Hills*, 2015.

Spada, R. L. *Last Resort*, 2011.

Other editing & proofreading jobs:

Washington Student Climate Assembly: *Climate Change in the Civics Classroom* (copy editor), 2024

FreyBuck P.S. *Employee Handbook*, 2024.

St. Stephen Church. *Project Objectives and Benefits*, 2014.

Professional Memberships:

ACES: The Society for Editing Editorial Freelance Association

Northwest Editors Guild

EFA: The Editorial Freelancers Association