

Write by You—Fee Schedule

Free 15-minute phone consultations are offered to U.S./Canadian authors considering *Write by You* services. Limited weekly slots; reserve your time by contacting us at:

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Basic Rates (a la carte):

Based on \$75/hour for all services, to be paid at time of reservation

A Taste of Coaching: \$225.

This 3-hour session includes a thorough reading and written evaluation of the first 25 pages of your fiction manuscript (novel, novella, or short story of any genre) or memoir. These opening pages are the most critical to establishing your story's genre and style, capturing a reader's attention and appealing to a literary agent or publisher's acquiring editor. Working in *Word/Track Changes*, we provide a teaching edit, professional critique, and evaluation of the author's skills. In addition to in-line editing, the author will receive margin notes pointing out weaknesses and making suggestions for improved structure, plot elements, characterization, pacing and style where necessary. *Lots of information at a low price, and no contract or further obligation!*

Chapter-by-chapter Coaching: \$75./hour

The most popular choice of many of my clients. After sampling the mentoring experience with *A Taste of Coaching*, many writers wish to continue receiving guidance as they develop or revise a full draft of their novel or memoir. Authors choose to submit 30, 50, 100 or as many pages at a time as they wish, on a \$75/hour basis. Time required varies according to the extent of the editing needed. (Contact us for an estimate.) This plan allows the writer to spread out the learning experience as well as payments, making it very convenient and cost-effective for writers who wish continuing support.

Review & Analysis of Plot Synopsis: \$250.

Your plot summary of up to 10 pages (double-spaced, 12-pt font) will receive written feedback as to strengths, weaknesses, and sales potential. Included will be a troubleshooting and/or brainstorming session either by phone or email, with suggestions for a more effective and marketable story, based on what editors are looking for today. This is a great way to plan a book (and thereby avoid problems during the writing phase), to break out of writer's block, fix a broken plot, or tune up a novel at the mid-point. (Not a manuscript evaluation or edit.)

The Proposal Package: \$350.

For authors who have completed their work of fiction and wish to submit their manuscripts to literary agents and publishers for consideration. The package focuses on a critique and editing of your 1- to 6-page plot synopsis (the most effective length for submission to editors), with suggestions for improved slant and wording, as well as the all-important "hook". Also included—guidance in preparing and shaping your query letter and a short "elevator" pitch to best engage the agent/editor and improve chances that you will be asked to send your manuscript. (This does not include edit of the manuscript.)

Premium Packages

These *all-inclusive service packages* provide full, individual support for the author with aggressive publication goals who has already finished writing a full draft of his/her manuscript. *A maximum of 2 authors per month may reserve positions for these premium services to insure sufficient time will be available.* Editing is never shipped out to other mentors/editors, thus we can offer this high level of individual support to just a few clients at a time. If all slots have been booked, I regretfully will have to ask you to delay submission or look elsewhere for help.

Services include all of the following:

- 1) Content editing (plot, characterization, pacing, style, perspective, and other fiction elements) for the full manuscript.
- 2) Grammar, spelling, and format corrected wherever needed.
- 3) Written critique and suggestions for revisions.
- 4) Marketing Strategy and Materials: editing of synopsis and query letter, “elevator” or phone pitch, consultation on how to find and approach literary agents and editors, career advice based on the success of 20 years as a published author of over 40 novels.
- 5) New file returned digitally in Word/Track Changes for easy conversion to finished manuscript on author’s approval. All changes marked in color, suggestions in margin notes.
- 6) Follow-up consultations and brainstorming as needed for the project.

All-inclusive Fee Schedule for the above services:

The Novella: \$750

Up to 20,000 words or 80 pages (standard-formatted pages, here and below).

The Short Novel: \$1,800

(Children’s, Teen, or Adult): Up to 60,000 words or 240 pages.

The Memoir: \$2,250

Up to 80,000 words or 300 pages.

The Novel: \$2,650

Up to 85,000 words or 350 pages.

The Long Novel: \$3,800

Up to 120,000 words or 480 pages.

The Saga: \$4,800

Up to 150,000 words or 600 pages.

Estimates available for projects longer than 150,000 words.

Acceptable Methods of Payment

Paypal is the preferred method for payment, as this service has proven to be fast, easy-to-use, and secure for both parties. Money orders are also accepted. Personal checks require extra time for mailing and bank clearance before service is rendered. *A la carte services* are to be paid in full at the time of submission of material. *Premium Services* may be paid in two installments— $\frac{1}{2}$ to reserve the time, and the remainder when the first half of the editing has been completed and returned to the author. Most reviews will be completed within 7-10 days of receipt by *Write by You* of the material to be edited and payment. Longer edits may require additional time.

Note: Manuscripts should be sent as an email attachment, electronically in *Word*, in the standard publishing format (double-spaced; a plain 12-point font, such as Times New Roman or Arial; 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch margins all around). Alternatively, hard-copy edits are available on request. Contact us (Kathryn@writebyyou.com) to determine when the next premium package opening will be available.