

COST ESTIMATES

I charge by the hour because I only want you to pay for time I actually spend with your manuscript. Below are some basic cost estimates calculated using the Editorial Freelancers Association's (EFA's) average speeds. After completing a sample edit on 3-5 pages from your work, I can give you a more focused estimate and set a cap for the project costs. (I usually end up invoicing closer to the lower number than the higher one.)

	50,000 words	100,000 words	150,000 words
Copyediting	\$600-\$1,200	\$1,200-\$2,400	\$1,800-\$3,600
Substantive Editing	\$1,300-\$2,000	\$2,600-\$4,000	\$3,900-\$6,000
Developmental Editing	\$1,800-\$2,500	\$3,600-\$5,000	\$5,400-\$7,500
Proofreading	\$462-\$667	\$924-\$1,334	\$1,386-\$2,001
Manuscript Evaluation	\$350	\$350	\$400

COST COMPARISONS

If you've never looked into hiring an editor before, seeing the numbers can cause some sticker shock. Looseleaf's prices are competitive, though. Compare with competitors' prices for a 50,000-word novel.

	Looseleaf	Amazon Createspace	Book Butchers	EFA Base Rates
Copyediting	\$600-\$1,200	\$800-\$1,050	\$1,000	\$600-\$1,600
Substantive Editing	\$1,300-\$2,000	\$1,050-\$2,350	\$2,000	\$1,333-\$12,000
Developmental Editing	\$1,800-\$2,500	\$2,350	\$3,000 (includes add-ons)	\$1,800-\$11,000
Proofreading	\$462-\$667	—	—	\$800-\$5,500
Manuscript Evaluation	\$350	—	—	\$1,950-\$2,000