

SERVICES COMPARISON

Copyediting	Substantive (Line) Editing	Developmental Editing	Proofreading	Full MS Evaluation & 50-page Critique
1 round of edits	1 round of edits (another round recommended after revisions)	2+ rounds of edits	1 round of edits (on print and/or electronic galleys)	1 read-through
Adheres to industry standards for publishing (according to <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i> *)	Adheres to industry standards for publishing (according to <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i> *)		Adheres to industry standards for publishing (according to <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i> *)	
Improves clarity	Improves clarity	Improves clarity		
Corrects grammar, usage, punctuation, & syntax/phrasing issues	Corrects grammar, usage, punctuation, & syntax/phrasing issues			
Draws attention to word choice weaknesses & opportunities	Draws attention to word choice weaknesses & opportunities	Draws attention to word choice weaknesses & opportunities		
Notes some large-scale issues	Notes some large-scale issues	Notes ALL large-scale issues		
	Restructures MINOR aspects to highlight the best in your writing	Restructures MAJOR aspects to highlight the best in your writing		
	Revises or notes issues of voice, emotion, tone, clichés, structure issues, & transitions	Revises or notes issues of voice, emotion, tone, clichés, structure issues, & transitions		
	Personalized direction & dialogue on problem areas (elevates your craft, not just this piece)	Personalized direction & dialogue on problem areas (elevates your craft, not just this piece)		Personalized direction & dialogue on problem areas (elevates your craft, not just this piece)
		IN-DEPTH review of plot, characters, motivation, pacing, etc. in both an extensive letter & comments added to the manuscript (usually electronic)		BROAD STROKES review of plot, characters, motivation, pacing, etc. in both an extensive letter & comments added to the manuscript (usually electronic)

*Other style guides offered: APA, AP, MLA

