

Skills

Guiding and supporting authors through the publishing process
Creating and maintaining schedules
Creating and maintaining budgets
Sourcing and managing freelancers

For fiction and non-fiction:

Writing reader's reports
Proofreading
Copy-editing
Structural editing
Onscreen editing including full Word styling for typesetting preparation

I have both a clear eye for organisation and project-management, and an excellent ear for prose and dialogue. I am widely read and tertiary-trained in narrative techniques. One of my specialities is the ability to work within an author's voice; I maximise the reader's engagement with a story without trespassing on the writer's intentions.

I am extremely reliable, often returning projects early. I work to a budget though I can also charge by the hour if preferred. For self-publishing authors, I provide full editorial services at market rates. For authors hoping to secure a contract with a mainstream publisher, I offer reader's reports, which are an affordable alternative to help with self-editing or direction for a new draft. I also work with selected uncontracted authors, helping them develop work for self- or trade publishing.

Education

MA Professional Writing, UTS
BA Musical Theatre Performance, WAAPA
BA English Literature, Theatre and Film Studies and Music, UNSW

Experience

Since 2010 Freelance editor
2008–2010 Senior editor, HarperCollinsPublishers
2006–2008 Editor, HarperCollinsPublishers
2005–2006 Editorial assistant, HarperCollinsPublishers
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Death on Dangar Island, Greg Field (self-published)
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The Governor's House, JH Fletcher (Harlequin)
A Woman of Courage, JH Fletcher (Harlequin)
Dust of the Land, JH Fletcher (Harlequin)
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The Torch, Peter Twohig (HCP)
Earworm, Colin Varney (Margaret River Press)
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