



Blog by Tess – Why Editing of a Book is Necessary

Description

Just as writing a book is time-consuming, so is editing a book. I'm not one who likes to edit books, but the task must be done.

Why is editing a book so important?

The first draft I do on a book is not usually my best. It's usually off the cuff. I find that each time I edit a particular chapter, the better I can structure my sentences and paragraphs in a way that will keep my readers interested in the book.

Editing the First Chapter

That first chapter is important. We want to catch the interest of the reader within the first couple of pages of the first chapter. When I'm looking for books to read (library or at a bookstore. etc.) I often put the book I picked up back on the shelf because the writer didn't catch my interest in the first few pages.

Editing Grammar

We must make sure that our grammar and spelling errors are cleaned up. The English language has words (Homophones) that sound alike but are different in meaning or spelling.

Examples of Homophones

Accept	Except	I	Eye	There	Their	They're
Affect	Effect	Merry	Marry	To	Too	Two
Aloud	Allowed	Pear	Pair	Read		Red

Are	Out	Hour	See	Sea	Sell	Cell
Bear	Bare		Son	Sun		
Break	Brake		Weather	Whether		
Buy	By	bye	Which	Witch		
Capital	Capitol		Principle	Principal		
Flower	Flour		Won	One		
Here	Hear		Wright	Right		

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Self-Check Grammar

It's important to self-check all grammar and spelling in the book we're writing. Sometimes the program we're using will skip over words or sentences.

Exception of Rule

Now the exception to the rule is this: If you're using a Bible program (King James Version, for example) to cut and paste verses into your document, you don't need to edit it. In the case of the KJV you want to retain the language and the spelling for accuracy.

Have a wonderful week.

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