



IMAN BOOKS

Publishing Terms

Copy editing focuses on clarity, grammar, tense, transitions, mechanics, etc. It does not focus on the "big picture" or the story overall like developmental editing does.

Developmental editing focuses not on detail but on the "big picture." This includes cohesiveness, story's purpose, market/audience, content, redundancies, organization, etc. This can also include plot and character development for fiction pieces.

Line editing focuses on clarity, tone, flow, grammar, tense, transitions, parallelism, quality of expression, vocabulary, redundancy, conciseness, sentence structure, mechanics, etc. This step can involve developmental editing but is more specific..

Proofreading focuses on the small errors that have seeped through the previous edits. This includes grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc. It is a brief look through the material that is present and already on paper. It does not take into consideration cohesiveness, tone, organization, etc.

Critiquing focuses on the strengths and weaknesses of a project.

Ghostwriting focuses on researching sources first-hand and making necessary changes. Credit may range from no credit to "edited by."