



Welcome!

The publishing process can be really overwhelming for new authors. There are a lot of steps involved, and doing them in the wrong order can lead to wasted time and unnecessary costs.

I made this little guide to help new authors navigate the process of publishing their first book. Doing the steps in the right order can save you money! And I'm here to help.

Find me on social media or send me an email so we can get started!

Kind regards,

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Gecko Edit





The Publishing Process

Adapted from the [Chartered Institute of Editing and Proofreading](#).



Concept

The seed of a story pops into your head. You have an idea and it wants to be written!

Planning

Even the shortest documents benefit from being well-planned. What's the theme? The budget? Who is your reader? Is there a deadline? How will it be published?



First Draft

Getting the story down, without worrying about it being perfect. It is likely to be rough and unfinished. It still needs a lot of work!

Development

I give you hands-on editorial input on structure, themes, character arcs and worldbuilding. Text might be moved around or the concept may be refined.





Final Draft

You use the input from the development stage to revise the draft and produce the final text. It will still need some polishing.

Copy-editing / Line editing

I help you to tailor the language to the audience's needs, checking for clarity, consistency, readability and accuracy, improving flow and tone.

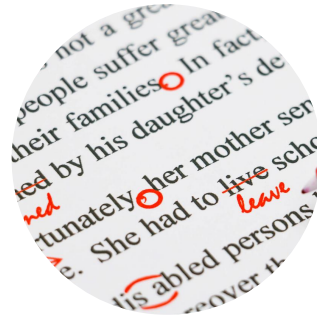


Layout and Design

A designer lays out the text and images so it looks like it will when printed or published in ebook format.

Proofreading

I give the text its final polish. By this time it looks like it will when printed, but it still needs fresh eyes to find typos, inconsistencies, and errors, getting it as close to perfect as possible.



Publication

You made a book! Now it's time to send it out into the world. I may be involved in revising the book for future editions.