A freelance book editor since 2000, Catherine Rankovic established BookEval.com as a full-time editing, writing, and consulting service in 2010.

Fees

Catherine's fee for all editing and writing services is $75/hour; rush or expedited work is $85/hour. This is in the mid-range of the fee schedule printed in the Writer's Market annual. Pay in advance for a certain number of hours (2-hour minimum) and Catherine will report to you by e-mail when that time is up. Payment may be made

- instantly and securely through PayPal, which also accepts credit cards (you do not need a PayPal account), OR
- by checks made out to "BookEval," which must clear before work will start or continue

Time spent on emails and calls is charged to you, as is any postage or copying expense. You will receive an invoice/record of the work done on your manuscript.

Catherine will treat you as a professional writer, focusing on your work and what you have asked for. Her honest feedback anticipates what publishers and agents may tell you. If your work is as yet unwritten or incomplete she can refer you to a writing coach.

The fee for guest appearances or presentations is $150 per hour.

"Ballpark" estimates

- To edit and evaluate a 300-page double-spaced manuscript takes approximately 13.5 hours, although it could be considerably more or less.

- To read through a completed 300-page manuscript, without editing it, and then write a manuscript evaluation ("feedback"), or a synopsis (a professional-style summary to be sent to a publisher), or a back-of-the-book blurb, takes approximately 5 hours, although it could be more or less.

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