

Writing/Coaching/Consulting

I work with non-fiction writers in a variety of genres—essay, memoir, journalism, history—to try to help them produce publishable manuscripts and more generally improve their writing. The way the process usually starts is that the writer sends me his or her manuscript and I read it and make detailed comments. Then if we decide to work together further, we mutually decide on the scope of the work and the terms.

Initial consultation includes:

- A memo of at least 500 words assessing the manuscript and what can and should be improved.
- A close line edit of two pages, giving a sense what the writing needs on a sentence-by-sentence level.

Rates:

Minimum charge of \$500 (payable in advance via PayPal) for up to 5,000-word manuscript. Additional \$250 for every additional 5,000 words.

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