

Transform Your Manuscript in 10 Simple Steps!

1. Structure & Plot

Check your story's structure. Does your plot follow a clear beginning, middle, and end? Are the stakes high enough to keep readers engaged. Does the climax feel satisfying and earned?

Test your pacing: Are there slow sections that drag? (Cut or tighten.) Are there rushed moments that need more development?

Verify your genre expectations: Does your manuscript deliver what readers of your genre expect (e.g., romance, mystery, thriller)?

2. Character Development

Are your characters compelling? Do they have clear goals, motivations, and flaws? Do their actions and dialogue feel authentic to their personality?

Check character arcs: Do your main characters grow or change by the end? Are their relationships believable and dynamic?

3. Dialogue

Does your dialogue sound natural? Read it out loud—does it flow, or does it feel forced? Does each character have a distinct voice?

Cut filler: Remove unnecessary small talk or exposition dumps.

4. Point of View (POV) & Narrative Voice

If writing in first person or limited third, does the POV stay tight and consistent? Are there accidental shifts in perspective? Does the narrator's voice feel engaging and appropriate for the story?

5. Show, Don't Tell

Are you using sensory details (sight, sound, touch) to immerse readers? Are emotions and backstory revealed through action and dialogue, not exposition? Are there places where "telling" could be replaced with "showing"?

6. Line Edits & Character Flow

Sentence-level clarity: Are your sentences clear and concise? Are there awkward phrasings or grammar errors?

Avoid repetition: Do you overuse certain words, phrases, or descriptions?

Vary sentence structure: Mix short and long sentences for rhythm.

7. World Building & Setting

Is your world immersive? Are settings and descriptions vivid and consistent? Do readers understand the rules of your world (e.g., magic systems, time periods)?

8. Themes & Symbolism

Are your themes clear? Does your story explore its central themes (e.g., love, betrayal, redemption) in a meaningful way? Are there symbols or motifs that could be strengthened?

9. Gather Feedback

Share your manuscript with 2–3 beta readers and ask: *What confused you? What bored you? What excited you?*

10. Final Polish

Use tools like Grammarly, ProWritingAid, or Hemingway Editor to catch typos and grammar mistakes. Follow industry standards for formatting (e.g., 12pt font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins). If self-publishing, ensure your eBook and print formats are clean.

I help you elevate your story to match your vision.