

Laura Handley

Independent line- and copyeditor seeking prose to polish

Recent Projects:

Fiction:

- ***The Harrowing of Hell* (play script)**
Performed a substantive evaluation and copyedited a later version.
- ***Playful Pen* (humorous short story collection)**
Copyedited stories and assisted the author in formatting the manuscript and listing it for publication.
- ***Exposed* (romantic suspense novel)**
Performed a comprehensive developmental edit, advising the author on plot, characterization, setting, and other substantive issues.
- ***Missing: A Mason Gray Case* (urban fantasy/mystery novel)**
Copyedited novel.
- ***Heart's Delusion* (poetry collection)**
Line-edited poems for content, meter, and grammar and assisted the author in formatting the manuscript for publication.

Nonfiction:

- Copyedited scholarly papers in economics for the **Mercatus Center**.
- Proofread and completed publication records for the **Mercatus Center**.
- Conducted quality-control testing for the online edition of a drug handbook for the **American Pharmacists Association**.
- Proofread testing manuals on site for **College Board**.
- Proofread and localized from British to American English a nonfiction book for the **Cato Institute**.

Education:

- Courses in **Developmental Editing** and **Copyediting** from the **Editorial Freelancers Association**
- **BS in Mathematics** from **Virginia Tech**, Blacksburg, VA. Minor in Computer Science; courses in creative writing
- **Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology**

Skills:

- Familiar with the **Chicago Manual of Style**
- Proficient with **Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint** and **Adobe Acrobat**
- Familiar with Amazon's **CreateSpace** publishing platform
- Experienced in **web design** and **programming**, particularly with **Python, Java, HTML/CSS, PHP, and JavaScript**