

Hi! My name is Kate Heceta-Arellano and I'm a sensitivity and beta reader with five years of experience in the book industry. I used to run the blog YourTitaKate.com, but eventually shut it down in order to focus on getting my fiction writing published. However, I'm still very much open to continuing my sensitivity and beta reading services!

Sensitivity Reading Areas of Expertise

These are the areas in which I am qualified to offer sensitivity reading and consultation. Please note that my commentary will be from lived experience, although I do my best to stay updated on any new information regarding these issues. I emphasise that my sensitivity read is not meant to be a foolproof guarantee of your manuscript, but I promise to exert my utmost effort to spot any problematic or incorrect content.

- Homeland Filipino representation
- Homeland Filipino culture, society, social issues, history, and politics
- Tagalog-speaking characters
- Catholic Filipino culture
- Bisexual representation
- ADHD representation

What will you get?

Sensitivity Read

For a full manuscript sensitivity read, you will receive your manuscript with suggested line edits and comments as applicable, as well as a 1- to 2-page commentary on the topic you requested. I will also answer any questions or clarifications you have about my feedback.

Beta Read

For a full manuscript beta read, you will receive your manuscript with suggested line edits and comments as applicable, as well as a 1- to 2-page commentary on the overall reading experience of your manuscript. Keep in mind that this commentary will be from the POV of an average reader.

Pricing

Sensitivity reading is priced at 0.0050USD per word. For sensitivity reads of works less than 10,000 words, I charge a flat rate of 50USD.

Beta reading is priced at 0.0030USD per word. For beta reads of works less than 10,000 words, I charge a flat rate of 30USD.

Discounts

I provide discounts for students and authors of colour from global south countries. Even if you are neither, if you feel like I can help with your manuscript but my prices are out of budget, send me a DM or email anyway. We might be able to work something out that will suit both of our needs!

Method of payment

For international authors, I accept payment via [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/katelmh) (paypal.me/katelmh) or deposit to my Philippine-based dollar bank account.

For authors based in the Philippines, I accept payment via GCash or bank transfer (BPI or Metrobank).

For all payments sent via GCash or bank account, I'll send details once we've agreed on pricing and deadline. I require a non-refundable 50% down payment at the beginning of the project.

How to hire me

Send an email to kmheceta@gmail.com with the subject line SENSITIVITY READING REQUEST: [Title] or BETA READING REQUEST: [Title] depending on your needs.

Please make sure to include the following details:

- Synopsis of your manuscript
- Word count
- Genre and age range
- Any applicable trigger warnings
- Desired project deadline (subject to my availability)

Please give me some time to respond to your email! However, if I haven't replied within 2-3 business days, feel free to nudge with a follow-up via email, Twitter, or Instagram. I do reserve the right to decline working on certain projects, whether due to a full schedule or incompatibility with my knowledge and skill set or appropriateness as a sensitivity reader.

I will do my best to complete the project within your desired deadline, and will communicate any schedule adjustments needed well in advance.

Where to find me

You can find me at the following links:

- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Corrd](#)
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Authors I've worked with

- Mia P. Manansala
- Tracy Badua
- Roshani Chokshi
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- Samantha Markum
- Clare Osongco