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## Manuscript Consult & Querying Support Rates & Procedures

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If you're ready to hit the ground running, please book a free 15-minute consultation for us to get a sense of each other by going [here](#) and choosing the "are we a good fit" option, which will be a 15 minute video meeting. You will be prompted for your contact information. The emailed automated confirmation is your official confirmation and includes a link to the WebEx video conferencing room. See you there!

## SERVICES

### 1) Manuscript Consult - \$2,500

For full book manuscripts (fiction or nonfiction) up to 80K words. Plus \$200 per 10K words over 80K. Note that anything over 2K words is considered equivalent in price to 10K words, i.e. 83K words would merit an additional \$200 but 82K would not. 93K words would be an additional \$400.

My signature service, I read your manuscript over 4 weeks and prepare an 8-10-page (single spaced) critique letter in response. This letter will speak to my overall impression of the book, as well as specific comments regarding structure, content, character development, incorporation of research, and other elements of fiction or nonfiction. My letter has six parts: **1) Opening** in which I give compliments, identify core thematic concerns, and offer comp titles for you to use when querying agents; **2) Description/Mapping (Summary)** in which I identify the 1-4 main threads (nonfiction) or thematic concerns/character arcs (fiction) of the project and summarize the main craft choices as regards POV, voice, time, structure and any other formal choices (sections, italics, journal entries, etc), **3) Detailed Mapping** in which I lay out how the book is working, what each section accomplishes, balance of threads (nonfiction) or progression of plot and tension (fiction), **4) Assessment** in which I offer my assessment of how well each of these craft choices are working, **5) Suggestions** for how to improve how each of these craft choices to be more in line with the thematic concerns identified in the letter's opening, and **6) Final notes**.

This letter works by being a road map for writers for their revisions. For instance, by providing an example of weak dialogue -- and a means of addressing that dialogue (fiction) or providing examples of clunky incorporation of research or braiding of modes (nonfiction) -- I endeavor to help you make your own changes throughout the manuscript. **Includes a one-hour video call to discuss my letter.**

**2) Querying Support Package (\$450)** *50% off if booked in tandem with a full price manuscript consult*

You send me your query letter draft (no longer than 2 single spaced pages). I read it and make extensive comments in Google docs or Word track changes. I typically make 1 suggested edit per sentence.

I send a list of 15-20 curated to you agents to query based on my intel of their availability & interest in projects similar to yours

1-hr video call either before query letter submission to help with its creation or after initial querying to debrief interactions with agents

*Optional add on: read up to 15 double spaced pages of your manuscript's opening, no feedback (+ \$100)*

## **POLICIES**

**Email policy:** I use email for the process of quoting and coming up with a deliverable and for scheduling and manuscript delivery. Any substantive questions must be posed during paid time covered under a mutually agreed upon contract or by reserving additional time [here](#).

**Phone policy:** I do not work over the phone unless the author is visually impaired or cannot access a computer.

**Payment policy:** I generally take half of the total payment up front to reserve the time together and the second half is due within 48 hrs of receipt of your letter. We can discuss payment plans for financial accessibility.

**Refund policy:** If the manuscript letter or query letter edit has been delivered within two weeks of the agreed upon date in this contract and according to the length stipulations and/or the consulting sessions have been conducted for the full duration of the agreed-upon duration (30 or 60 minutes) there will be no refunds for services. If the service has been booked with a signed contract and the deposit paid but the manuscript or query letter has not yet been delivered and the request for services cancellation is received more than 90 days before scheduled due date, ECE will refund deposit minus a 25% fee. If the service has been booked with a signed contract and the deposit paid but the manuscript or query letter has not yet been delivered and the request for services cancellation is received less than 90 but more than 45 days before scheduled manuscript due date, ECE will refund deposit minus a 50% fee. Any requests for cancellation within 45 days of scheduled manuscript or query letter due date will not receive any refund of deposit.

**Research funds policy:** I am familiar with working with departmental and university HR systems on an invoice basis so you may use faculty research funds to cover the costs of our work together.