

EDITING, COACHING FOR WRITERS, AND MANUSCRIPT EVALUATION WITH MARY CARROLL MOORE

Thanks for asking about my editing and coaching services for writers! Below is more information about my ongoing coaching and my full manuscript evaluation and review. Questions? Want to get started? Email me again at: mary@marycarrollmoore.com.

ONGOING COACHING

WHAT YOU GET: Accountability, reaching your writing goals, and steady progress and feedback on any writing project. Coaching is done by email. You get detailed feedback on writing you send me, suggestions to build your natural strengths and enhance your voice, plus instruction on writing techniques. You can ask questions, get help with structuring goals and strategies. I often include writing exercises to try or book recommendations to help your skill development.

To start: You can start anytime—just let me know. I can receive your writing by email, *up to 20* double-spaced pages every two weeks. Attach as MS Word document or paste into the email.

What to send: Writing at any stage—early drafts or polished—ready for feedback, plus questions about your writing goals, places you feel stuck, specific skill needs. Drafts of book proposals, query letters, revisions, marketing material—any writing is fine to use for our coaching time.

When to send: I respond the second and fourth weeks of each month and gather your material until then. It's best to email me by Sunday evening. I will confirm when your email arrives.

What it costs: I bill you at a rate of \$75 a hour. Twenty pages every two weeks averages \$30-40. I will invoice you at the end of each month and tell you where to mail your check.

Writers say: *You're the only one I completely trust with my work. -S.M.*
Everything you said makes sense and is right on the money. -M.A. *What a shot in the arm! Many thanks! -A.H.* *Your comments are to-the-point and directional. I'm confident your feedback will help me get this published. -R.A.*

FULL MANUSCRIPT REVIEW AND EVALUATION

WHAT YOU GET: A kind reality check: complete manuscript read-through with margin notes, a 2-5 page report on strengths and weaknesses of the manuscript, suggestions to develop weak areas, editing notes, specific questions answered—confidence bolstered, enthusiasm restored.

To start: If you're ready to send your manuscript, email me to let me know. When your manuscript arrives, I will book it into my schedule and email you to confirm response timing. I work fast but often I'm booked 4-5 weeks ahead, so plan for that. Review takes 2-3 weeks after your manuscript comes to the top of my queue.

What to send: I accept only printed manuscripts because I will make margin notes and return the pages to you, along with the report. Email for my mailing address then send by postal mail:

- * a self-addressed stamped envelope or mailer to return manuscript to you
- * your double-spaced, printed manuscript (single sided, 12-point, please)
- * cover note with any questions, goals, concerns about the book
- * check for your deposit of 1/2 the estimated fee (balance is due on completion of evaluation)

What it costs: An average length book manuscript (75,000-90,000 words) takes 6-8 hours to complete the read-through and report. My fee is \$75 an hour, calculated by the actual minutes used.

MY BACKGROUND: Since 1986, I've worked in substantive and copy editing as a freelancer and on-staff editor at publishing houses across the U.S., in all genres of literature—nonfiction, fiction, children's and YA, poetry, biography, memoir. Twelve of my own books have been published and I've won awards for my writing. My poems, essays, short stories, articles, columns, and reviews are in print with national and international publications. Over 2000 writers have coached with me privately and in my classes at the Loft Literary Center and Hudson Valley Writers Center. Many have gone on to publish. Please visit my web site at www.marycarrollmoore.com for testimonials and more information.