

# McElroy Editing and Writing Rates

NOTES: My rates are currently at the low end for professional editors and writers. See any current additional discounts on the website. I am open to a "per job" rate, as well, and open to discussing special situations.

For the purposes of this chart, a page is defined as 250 words, the industry standard for a manuscript page. A "per word" rate is also available. Hourly rates or per word rates are just different ways to think about cost.

	<b>Median Rate Per Hour</b>	<b>Median Pace of Work**</b>	
<b>DEVELOPMENTAL EDITING</b> – "Big Picture" editing for your book. I help you improve structure, content, focus and more.			
	<b>Developmental editing, nonfiction</b>	\$51/hr	4–6 pages/hr
	<b>Developmental editing, fiction</b>	\$46/hr	4–6 pages/hr
	<b>Developmental editing, book doctoring</b> – I take what you've written and make it better, rewriting as needed.	\$61/hr	4–6 pages/hr
<b>LINE EDITING</b> – Line by line editing. I help you with word choice, pacing, flow, clarity and more.		\$46/hr	4–6 pages/hr
<b>COPYEDITING</b> – Make sure the manuscript is consistent, cohesive, complete, accurate. Spelling, grammar, punctuation edit. Final edit before proofreading.			
	<b>Copyediting, nonfiction</b>	\$41/hr	4–6 pages/hr
	<b>Copyediting, fiction</b>	\$41/hr	4–6 pages/hr
<b>PROOFREADING</b> – Final edit before publishing. Last step in the editorial process to catch any inconsistencies or errors.			

	<b>Proofreading, nonfiction</b>	\$36/hr	7–10 pages/hr	
	<b>Proofreading, fiction</b>	\$31/hr	11–15 pages/hr	
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b> – For self publishing or Amazon Kindle Direct, help with shepherding the book through the publishing process. Editing, formatting, design, submission guidance.	\$51/hr	4–6 pages/hr	
	<b>COACHING/CONSULTING</b> --- I help you discern what you want to do as a writer and how to get there.	\$61/hr	4–6 pages/hr	
	<b>CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>	\$51/hr	4–6 pages/hr	
<b>WRITING (WORK-FOR-HIRE ONLY)</b>				
	<b>Ghostwriting full-length (or partial) nonfiction</b> – I write the book with your input, notes, and approval. I may be uncredited or credited under your name, as in “ By (Your Name), with (my name)”, depending on what you prefer.	\$61/hr	1–3 pages/hr	
	<b>Writing (work-for-hire only), journalism</b>	\$51/hr	1–3 pages/hr	
	<b>Writing (work-for-hire only), other</b>	\$51/hr	1–3 pages/hr	
	<b>PERMISSIONS</b> – Securing permissions for all images, excerpts, and attributions.	\$46/hr	21–25 pages/hr	
	<b>RESEARCH/FACT CHECKING</b> -- Providing research, confirmations,	\$46/hr	4–6 pages/hr	

**SENSITIVITY/AUTHENTICITY**

**READS** – Flag anything that could be inaccurate or untrue, or could be insensitive to various people groups. (This is not so-called "woke" editing.)

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