



SUSAN METZGER



SENIOR COPY EDITOR

Susan, an avid reader of horse and dog novels as a child, began to write her own first novel at age seven. She won many short-story contests in her youth and young adulthood but didn't pursue writing as a career until her early forties. As a university English Comp instructor, faced with mountains of student essays to grade, she became adept at spotting writing errors and has continued to hone this skill as an editor. She is a fierce opponent of wordiness, especially the overuse of adverbs and gerunds, both of which she plucks, with joy, from others' writing and replaces with well-chosen, powerful, and succinct action verbs.

Having taught grammar and mechanics at the college level for nearly twenty-five years, this skill has become second nature to her. Need to know whether a comma belongs there or not, whether quotation marks should surround a comma, period, or semi-colon? Just ask Susan.

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EXPERIENCE

(1992 - PRESENT)

Freelance Editor

- Words by a Pro copy editor since 2015
- City of Breckenridge CO; US Attorney Christopher A. Crofts for his book *A Few Commonsense Gun Laws*; Boulder CO attorney Paul L. Katz for his book *Stalking Justice*; Copper Mountain Ski Resort white papers; Indiana University newsletters; others' books; and seven of her own published novels and short stories

(1991-2015)

University & College English Composition Professor

- Taught English Composition and Research Writing at Indiana University and three community colleges.
- Became proficient in and taught the major style manuals: MLS, APA, Chicago, AP
- Taught students grammar & mechanics and how to write essays & research papers

EDUCATION

- (2016-2018) **The Gottman Institute of Couples Therapy** | Four certifications
- (2009) **MBTI Administrator Certification** | The Meyers-Briggs Company
- (1991) **Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing** | Western Michigan University
- (1982) **Master of Business Administration** | George Williams College
- (1980) **Master of Science in Counseling Psychology** | George Williams College

SKILLS



Editor

Edits a variety of written works for business, technical, educational, legal, and fiction audiences



Couples Therapist

Operates a private couples and transgender/gender dysphoria therapy practice in Ft Collins CO.

DID YOU KNOW?

Susan is an avid long-distance bicyclist. She also plays classical viola and violin in two orchestras and two chamber music ensembles.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Susan has had a dual career path in both writing and psychology. After working as a counseling psychologist in various mental health settings, she earned her MFA in Creative Writing, taught college business writing and composition, and began editing as a professional in 1992. In 2016, she returned to her love of helping people and became a Couples Therapist. She now edits for WBP and others as well as operates her private couples and transgender/gender dysphoria therapy practice in Ft Collins CO.



AWARDS

- Independent Book Publishers Assoc. Silver Medal for *Spirit Dogs: Heroes in Heaven*
- Mom's Choice Book Awards Gold Medal for *Spirit Dogs: Life Between Lives*