

Editing Evaluation of Manuscript

Name of author: Autumn Birt

Title of Book: **Born of Water**

Book Genre: Fiction / Fantasy Adventure

Editor: Genie Dailey

Estimated no. of hours for editing: 16

The book has been evaluated in the categories below with a ranking of Excellent (very few if any corrections needed), Good (could benefit from moderate editing), or Fair (definitely needs work).

Rating	Excellent (3)	Good (2)	Fair (1)
Typos (some of which can be found with spell check)		2*	
Narrative Flow (chronology; continuity; scene/chapter transitions)	3		
Voice (active vs. passive; dialogue structure; consistent with characters)	3		
Point of View (actions & thoughts of principal character vs. multiple characters)	3		
Word Choice/Usage (appropriate to audience; overuse/repetition; clichés; incorrect homophones—i.e., effect/affect)		2>	
Spelling/Grammar/Sentence Structure (length; repeated patterns; incomplete sentences; punctuation; paragraphing)		2>	
Consistency (in spellings, personalities, plot development)	3		
Legal Considerations (names; releases/permissions; direct quotes/citations)	NA		

In addition, the following may be considered, but are not as critical at the estimating stage.

Character Development (descriptions, personalities, speech patterns)	3		
Title and Concept (genre; reader-friendliness; marketable)	3		
Manuscript Format (type font, spacing, indents)	3		
Suitability of Graphics (if provided)	3 (maps)		
Style (formal/academic; casual; appropriate for target audience)	3		

- **Comments:** Well-written overall; issues mainly concern spelling errors – many of which would NOT be found with Spell-Check, including compound nouns such as “fair goers” (which s.b. one word) and compound adjectives such as “dark haired,” “red tiled,” and “sunshine gold” (which should all be hyphenated). Other spelling errors include: “Afterward” (s.b. “Afterword”); “course [fabric]” (p.8. s.b. “coarse”); “bizarre” s.b. “bazaar”; “lavendar” s.b. “lavender”; and “freedom to chose” (p.12) s.b. “freedom to choose.”
- Also, there are a few missing words, as on p.183 in “hired one of the ships **[to]** take me to the archipelago.”
- Some questionable word choices/usages, such as “evinced” (p.9), where it might be more direct to say “represented,” and “instinctually” (p.15) which would be more reader-friendly as “instinctively.”
- **One final comment/question concerns the length of the book. To me, the ms. “feels” a bit too long, or perhaps (since it’s going to be an e-book only) it could be divided into two “volumes.”**