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Editor

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Novels I have edited include a USA Today best-seller, an Amazon best-seller, an Amazon All Star, and a 2017 RONE Awards nominee. I have a B.A. in Journalism and more than 40 years of professional writing and editing experience. Before I entered the book-publishing field, I worked in public relations, did technical editing, and was production editor of an academic journal.

Experience

Book Editing

April 2014 to Present

I have edited novels – romance, fantasy, mystery, women's contemporary, historical, and more – that include a USA Today best-seller, an Amazon best-seller, an Amazon All Star, and a 2017 RONE Awards finalist. Most of my work is substantive editing, but I also do developmental editing and proofreading. Besides editing, I was project manager for two authors at Booktrope. I prefer to use *The Chicago Manual of Style* but am familiar with AP style as well and can adapt to others. See my book project list, last page.

Technical and Business Editing

1991–2000, 2008–2011

I edited hundreds of environmental and engineering reports, compiled and edited monthly and annual gold exploration reports, produced newsletters, and wrote and edited marketing materials. I also edited business plans, a grant application, and other company documents. Employers were WESTEC (purchased by SRK), JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc. (purchased by Stantech), Westmont Mining, and various freelance clients.

Production Editor, Academic Journal

2000 –2006

The Journal of Economic Issues is a quarterly international journal published by the Association for Evolutionary Economics. For each issue, I copyedited articles selected by the editor-in-chief and peer reviewers (400–500 pages of text per issue) and laid out 250–350 pages per issue. Our authors were from all over the world. I used *The Chicago Manual of Style* and compiled a customized in-house style guide. The editor-in-chief was a University of Nevada professor, and I was a university employee.

Public Relations, News Releases, Newsletters, Freelance Writing

1974–1991

Volunteer and Personal Writing and Editing

Writer, Medium.com

2015 to Present

<http://medium.com/@laurelbusch>

Founder, Books in the City of Trembling Leaves

2013 to Present

I set up a Twitter account ([@NorNVbooks](#)) and blog (<http://tremblingleaves.wordpress.com/>) to cover news about books, authors, publishers, booksellers, and more in Northern Nevada.

Writer, Editor, ThisIsReno.com

2009–2014

I edited news releases and wrote articles and opinions.

Education

B.A. in Journalism, 1974, University of Nevada-Reno

- 25 percent of credits in biology, botany, zoology, renewable natural resources, geology, and physical geography
- Reporter, page editor, copy editor, *Sagebrush* (student newspaper)
- Sigma Delta Chi (Society of Professional Journalists student chapter)

Current Professional Organizations

- Historical Novel Society
- Freelancers Union

Interests

- Genealogy
- European and American history (preparing to publish ancestor's Civil War diary)
- Gardening
- Amateur nature photography

Selected Book Projects

Substantive Editing

Historical Romance

- *My Fair Lily* by Meara Platt, 2014
- *The Duke I'm Going to Marry* by Meara Platt, 2015 – Amazon UK All Star
- *Rules for Reforming a Rake* by Meara Platt, 2015
- *If You Kissed Me* by Meara Platt, 2015 (novella)
- *A Midsummer's Kiss* by Meara Platt, 2016 – 2107 RONE finalist in Historical: 17th Century–Regency
- *The Viscount's Rose* by Meara Platt, 2016 – Amazon best-seller in Regency Historical Romance
- *Wish upon a Kiss* by Meara Platt, 2016 (novella)
- *Never Dare a Duke* by Meara Platt, 2017 (novella) – In *A Duke's Desire* box set, a USA Today best-seller

Contemporary Romance

- *Ruby's Letters* by Maggie Van Well, 2014

Women's contemporary

- *The Paris Effect* by K.S.R. Burns, 2015

Historical Fiction

- *A Second Daniel* by Neal Roberts, 2015 – 2016 Reader's Favorite medal winner in historical mystery and no. 1 Amazon best-seller in Historical Mystery, Thriller, & Suspense
- *My Enemy's Tears* by Karen Vorbeck Williams, 2016

Paranormal

- *Soundings: Water Elemental* by Janine Donoho, 2015
- *The Devil's Pawn* by Marilyn Levinson, 2015
- *Garden of Light* by Meara Platt, 2014 (published 2017)

Developmental Editing

Historical

- *A Second Daniel* by Neal Roberts, 2015 – 2016 Reader's Favorite medal winner in historical mystery and no. 1 Amazon best-seller in Historical Mystery, Thriller, & Suspense
- *My Enemy's Tears* by Karen Vorbeck Williams, 2016

Paranormal

- *Garden of Dragons* by Meara Platt, 2017