



Northern Territory Writers' Centre

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MANUSCRIPT APPRAISAL SERVICE

The Manuscript Appraisal Service offered by the NT Writers' Centre aims to provide writers with an objective and rigorous analysis of their manuscript that will enable them to further develop their work.

The service connects clients with professional writers and editors who will read and appraise your manuscript. Their advice can help writers to bring manuscripts closer to a publishable standard by providing an unbiased, professional assessment of work.

Assessors will provide a written report, commenting and advising on elements such as character, point of view, plotting, pace, writing style, narrative or poetic voice, dialogue, tone, length, structure, presentation of the manuscript, appropriate research and appropriate use of research, likely readership and marketing possibilities.

This is not an editing service, so does not include assistance with more technical aspects of manuscripts such as grammar, sentence structure, word meaning, indexing or bibliographic format.

Fees are as follows:

Fiction/non-fiction manuscript or short story collection

(up to 50,000 words)

Members - \$250

Non-members - \$320

Fiction/non-fiction manuscript or short story collection

(50,000-100,000 words)

Members - \$350

Non-members - \$420

Short film script/TV drama

(up to 60 pages)

Members - \$220

Non-members - \$280

Feature film

(up to 120 pages)

Members - \$350

Non-members - \$420

Short fiction/non-fiction or essay

(up to 8,000 words)

negotiable depending on word-length

Poetry collection

(up to 60 pages)

Members - \$230

Non-members - \$280

Cost of appraisal for shorter works in all categories are subject to negotiation.

Please call to check the availability of assessors before submitting your work and submit work with a completed manuscript appraisal request form.

Submitting your manuscript:

- o Manuscripts must be unbound, typed clearly on one side of A4 paper, with lines 1.5 spaced and pages numbered. Please secure your manuscript with a rubber band or suitable clip.
- o Include a synopsis (up to one page) of your manuscript.
- o Keep a copy of your manuscript. The Manuscript Assessment Service will not take responsibility for lost work.
- o Please indicate if you wish to remain anonymous.
- o Please ensure your name, address and contact details appear on a cover sheet for administration purposes. Please ensure your name does not appear on the manuscript itself.
- o Include return postage, if you are not able to collect your manuscript in person.
- o Include payment with booking form and your manuscript. Assessments will proceed only if postage and payment are included.
- o Copyright of assessor's reports remain with the assessors and can not be published or otherwise used without written approval.
- o The author's copyright over their manuscript will be respected.
- o A face-to-face assessment can be arranged for an additional cost and is dependant on the assessor.
- o The service reserves the right to return manuscripts and payments at its sole discretion without further correspondence.

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Type of assessment required: _____

Title of manuscript: _____

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