

## **What is a Manuscript Assessment?**

A manuscript assessment is a written report reviewing your whole manuscript. It offers you advice specific to your novel and gives you concrete ideas on how to make it better. Generally, for fiction an assessment covers the main issues – structure, style, plot, pace, setting, narrative devices and dialogue.

An assessment is perfect for when you've finished your first draft (or third or fifth!) and you find you have lost all perspective. It allows you to look at your manuscript through someone else's eyes and gives you the tools to go back and improve your writing.

As part of the assessment I look at how your manuscript fits into the current publishing market and give suggestions for publishing opportunities that I think might be suitable for your work.

My manuscript assessments are usually approximately 2500 words in length.

My fees are:

45,000–65,000 words = \$650

65,000–85,000 words (an average-size novel) = \$750

every additional 10,000 words above 85,000 words = \$50

\* note: I do not charge gst

Subsequent to delivering my report I am available for a follow-up consultation if you want to discuss the assessment in detail with me (no charge).

Please note that a manuscript assessment does not include copy editing or proofreading.

## **What you need to supply:**

Please email me an electronic copy of your manuscript as a Word file *and* post a printed hardcopy of your manuscript on A4-size paper.

Generally, I have a two- to three-week turnaround for manuscript assessments, depending on what other projects I'm working on.