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Freelance Editorial Services

Shrewd writer and editor with 10 years of professional experience providing editorial services for book, magazine and internet publishers, authors, large and small businesses and consulting firms. Areas of expertise:

- Resumes & Cover Letters
- Marketing Collateral
- Business Writing
- Developmental Editing
- Book & Press Releases
- Academic Editing
- Copy Editing
- Print & Electronic Newsletters
- Admissions Essays
- Copy Writing
- Brochures & One-Sheets
- Feature Writing
- Book Proposals
- Web Content
- Creative Writing

Professional Experience

EDITORIAL SERVICES PROVIDER, Cranky Editor (Los Angeles)

1999–present

Self-owned and managed freelance editorial services company. Projects include:

- **CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT:** Created job-hunting plans, personal press releases, resumes, cover letters and post-graduate admissions essays for more than 250 clients worldwide.
- **COPY WRITING:** Developed product copy, press releases, marketing collateral and newsletters for clients such as Chronicle Books, Good Vibrations and Atomix Sports Performance. Notable gigs:
 - **My Agency of Record** (2008–present): Produced a dozen re-branding packages comprised of web and radio scripts, press releases, one-sheets, brochures, marketing collateral and web copy.
 - **Prudential California Realty** (2004–2007): Interviewed agents and brokers for large Southern California real estate brokerage. Wrote more than 200 press releases, agent bios and property releases.
 - **The Sharper Image** (1999–2000): Developed catalog, online store and auction site product copy.
- **COPY EDITING:** Edited papers, grant applications and dissertations for academics. Edited book manuscripts for Ten Speed Press, City Dog and Food First. Edited features for Wired News, About.com and MyPleasure. Edited print materials for the Marin Humane Society and the YMCA. Researched listings for City Dog travel guides. Fact checker/proofreader for listings in *Time Out San Francisco*, 3rd ed.
- **DEVELOPMENTAL EDITING:** Developed and edited more than 20 fiction and nonfiction manuscripts for Ballantine/One World (1999–2004) and emerging and self-published authors.
- **FEATURE WRITING:** Currently the Los Angeles Dachshunds Examiner, writing and publishing daily articles. Wrote more than 75 feature articles for *The San Francisco Examiner* (food), Tana's Habitat (lifestyle), MyPleasure & About.com (sexuality & reproductive health), SF Station (travel, books & restaurants), CitySearch San Francisco (travel) and Streetline (business & insurance).
- **WEB CONTENT DEVELOPMENT:** Developed content architecture and wrote web copy for more than 20 technology, information, manufacturing, import, retail and professional services companies.

LITERARY ARTS EDITOR: SF Station (San Francisco) 2001–2003

Created website's Literary Arts section. Researched, compiled and published online listings of Bay Area literary events. Wrote book reviews and feature articles. Managed staff of freelance writers. Updated site daily.

STAFF WRITER: MyPleasure.com (San Francisco) 2000–2002

Wrote dozens of columns, quizzes, newsletters and feature articles about romance, sexuality and reproductive health. Developed web copy, press releases, marketing collateral and advertising copy.

ASSOCIATE GUIDE: About.com: Sexuality (San Francisco) 2000–2002

Wrote feature articles about sexuality and reproductive health. Maintained site with researched daily updates.

Other Interesting Experience

OWNER/PET SERVICES PROVIDER, Wiener Wonderland Dachshund Boarding (Los Angeles) 2005–present

FOSTER MOM, Southern California Dachshund Rescue (Los Angeles) 2004–present

ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY DOG HANDLER, spcaLA (Los Angeles) 2005

CHILDREN'S BOOKS STORY DEVELOPER, Canum Entertainment (San Diego) 2003

VOLUNTEER COPY EDITOR, National Writers Union, Bay Area Local (Oakland) 2001

RELIEF COPY EDITOR, Wired News (San Francisco) 2000–2002

LITERACY VOLUNTEER, San Francisco School Volunteers, HEROES (Oakland) 2000

VOLUNTEER, San Francisco SPCA (San Francisco) 1999–2001

TECHNICAL WRITER, Transamerica Pyramid Property Management Office (San Francisco) 1998

MS READATHON RECRUITER, National Multiple Sclerosis Society 1998

Published Works

The Sensual Bath (Book: Sterling/Ravenous) July 2008

“When Grief Was a Country” (Short Story: *Silent Voices*, Ex Machina Press) April 2005

Plan a Fabulous Party in No Time (Book: Que/Pearson Education) November 2004

“The Comfort of Paper Trees” (Short Story: Salon.com's *Virgin Fiction*, Rob Weisbach Books) June 1998

“My Mother, Alone and Weeping” (Poem: *Transfer 74*, San Francisco State University) December 1997

Skills

Chicago Manual of Style • Associated Press Stylebook (AP) • AMA Manual of Style • APA Publication Manual
MLA • Words into Type • *New York Times* Manual of Style and Usage • Microsoft Office • Dreamweaver

Education

MASTER OF ARTS: Creative Writing, San Francisco State University 2000

BACHELOR OF ARTS: Creative Writing/English, San Francisco State University 1997