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Manuscript Critique Services
by Amy Rogers

About

Dr. Amy Rogers is not a trained editor. She has never worked for a publisher and has degrees in biochemistry and immunology, not English. However, she has critically read and written reviews of about a hundred science- or medical-themed thrillers. She has also written three science thriller novels of her own, including her debut *Petroplague*, published by Diversion Books.

She is a full member of International Thriller Writers (Debut Class of 2011-2012 and panelist at ThrillerFest 2013). She has been an invited speaker at California Writers Club-Sacramento Writers Network, Sacramento Suburban Writers Club, and Northern California Publishers and Authors meetings. She is the creator of and sole content provider for ScienceThrillers.com, a website devoted exclusively to the science thriller genre.

ScienceThrillers.com is for published books, both traditional and indie. However, authors do sometimes request feedback on their *unpublished* thrillers. **ScienceThrillers Manuscript Critique Services by Amy Rogers is a paid option for these writers to get quality feedback on their unpublished work from an expert reader in the genre.**

Manuscript Critique Services

Details of specific service packages are listed on subsequent pages. All of Dr. Rogers's critiques are based on the standards of the thriller genre, as well as her personal taste as a reader and book critic. To get a sense of how she reads, check out some of the reviews at ScienceThrillers.com.

ScienceThrillers Manuscript Critiques will address questions like these:

- Does the story grab the reader?
- Is there tension?
- Is there too much backstory?
- Is the author telling (bad) or showing (good)?
- Does the opening raise questions without being confusing?

- Will the reader care about the protagonist?
- Does the protagonist have a compelling goal or challenge?
- Is the setting appropriate?
- Are all five senses evoked in descriptions? Is there too much description?
- Is point of view consistent in each scene?
- Is the story believable?
- Is the story original?
- Are the sci/med elements appropriate for what the author is trying to accomplish, and what the reader will accept?

Submissions

All manuscripts must be double-spaced with 1" margins and 12-point font.

Either digital or paper submissions are accepted.

Digital: Email manuscript as a Microsoft Word document. Comments will be made directly in the manuscript using the "**Track Changes**" tool.

Paper: Send paper manuscript printed **single-sided**. Comments will be made in red ink directly on the paper. Manuscript will be mailed back to you via registered U.S. Priority Mail insured for the full value of the critique. **An additional fee** will be added to cover postage for this service (**\$15** for The Opener; **\$30** for The Detail Package).

Timing

Editor and author will agree in advance on an acceptable date for critique to be finished.

Payment

Invoice will be sent via PayPal; payment is also accepted by personal check.

The Opener, The Fast Pass, and The Query: full payment required at time of document submission

The Detail Package: half payment due at time of document submission; final payment due upon receipt of critique

Other

Dr. Rogers will NOT critique your manuscript a second time after revisions. Manuscript critiques are a one time only service for the simple reason the reviewer would be bored to death reading the same story twice.

Critiques will point out problems in the manuscript, and places where for one reason or another the reader felt thrown out of the story. Suggestions on how to fix these problems may be offered but it will be largely up to you to find solutions that fit your style and writing goals.

Critique by Amy Rogers does not guarantee a review at ScienceThrillers.com.

Dr. Rogers cannot help you get published except to help you improve your book.

Service Packages

See below for specific services and prices.

Contact Amy for more information.

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The Opener

Critique of first 50 pages of manuscript

What you get:

A detailed critique of the most important part of your book.

- 1+ page written critique plus comments made directly in the manuscript.
- An assessment of how effectively your opening pages meet the expectations of a thriller reader.
- Grammar, spelling, punctuation, word choice corrections

If you are pleased with your Opener critique, you may apply the price paid toward a Detail Package of the same manuscript.

Price: \$199

(can be applied toward a Detail Package on same manuscript)

The Fast Pass

Bird's eye view of entire manuscript

What you get:

A broad evaluation of overall story structure and style, from beginning to end.

- Written critique (minimum 2 pages) of entire manuscript's plot, character development, and style, with an eye to the big picture, not nitty-gritty details.
- Special emphasis on opening pages and chapters
- No comments written in manuscript itself.
- No corrections to grammar, spelling, punctuation, word choice

For an idea of what the critique will be like, read some of the longer reviews at ScienceThrillers.com and imagine adding more 'negative' comments / suggestions for improvement.

Standard price is for about 70,000-90,000 words; price may vary for other lengths.

Price: \$299

The Detail Package

Critique of entire manuscript

What you get:

Critique of full manuscript including plot, character, and style from the perspective of a reader/reviewer.

- Written critique plus comments made directly in the manuscript.
- Grammar, spelling, punctuation, word choice corrections
- Feedback on a query letter, if desired

Price will be quoted based on writing sample and document length.

If you previously purchased an *Opener* critique, you may apply the price paid to a Detail Package *on the same manuscript*.

Price: \$749 & up

(includes Query)

The Query

Query letter critique

What you get:

Critique of a one-page query letter

- Improvements to make your query appealing to a literary agent or book reviewer
- Grammar, spelling, punctuation, word choice corrections
- Additional comments on **two revisions** of the query

This service is included in *The Detail Package*.

Price: \$39