



Author Academy Writing Course

The A-Z of Getting Your Book Written & Publish
Ready!



Revising Your Book



Getting ready to revise your book

- ✓ This can be a dangerous time, because if you jump in before the manuscript is truly finished, you'll create more work for yourself



First, Fill in the Holes



Step 1: Finish (or write) any scenes you've been putting off



Step 2: Fill in the details that still require research



Step 3: Finalise any shaky character backstories



Step 4: Decide on the final details or names



Step 5: Do what you know needs doing



Step 6: Get feedback of your manuscript



Know when to revise what



Early Draft Revisions

- ✓ Get the story the way you want it
- ✓ Get the plot the way you want it
- ✓ Get the characters the way you want them



Middle Draft Revisions

- ✓ Flesh out or cut descriptions
- ✓ Adjust the pacing and scene or chapter transitions
- ✓ Replace weak words and phrases with strong ones



Finished Draft Revisions

- ✓ Tweak little aspects
- ✓ Drive yourself crazy deciding if it's done or not
 - ✓ Read the manuscript one last time



Final Draft Polish

- ✓ Check for often used or repeated words
 - ✓ Catch any revision smudge
- ✓ Check the spelling, punctuation, and grammar
- ✓ Check any spellings or details unique to your book



Mentally prepare yourself for the Revision

- ✓ Don't be afraid of the delete key
 - ✓ It's the story that matters
 - ✓ First drafts are for ideas
- ✓ Making the story better is a good idea
- ✓ Think macro until you're happy with the story



Stay organised during the Revision

✓ **Step 1: Gather your materials**



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- ✓ **Step 2: Gather your notes**



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✓ **Step 3: Gather your thoughts**



Exercise:

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What's Next?

Types of Revisions