

Margarita Deedon

Editor

Profile

Driven editor with two years of experience, passionate about refining content and eager to expand skills. Thrives on collaboration and innovative ideas, constantly seeking to enhance storytelling through meticulous attention to detail and a hunger for learning.

Employment History

Associate Editor at Penguin Random House, AL

Apr 2025 - Present

- Spearheaded the editing process for over 18 best-selling novels, enhancing narrative coherence and character development, which contributed to a 12% increase in reader engagement.
- Collaborated with a team of 15 writers and editors on the launch of a new science fiction series, resulting in a successful debut with sales exceeding initial projections by 22%.
- Developed and implemented an innovative manuscript review system that reduced turnaround time by 25%, improving overall efficiency in project delivery.
- Mentored junior editors through weekly workshops, fostering skill enhancement and professional growth, leading to a promotion for two team members within six months.

Assistant Editor at HarperCollins, AL

Mar 2023 - Mar 2025

- Spearheaded the editing process for over 45 manuscripts annually, enhancing narrative coherence and grammatical precision, resulting in a 20% increase in reader satisfaction scores.
- Collaborated with authors to refine plot structures and character development, leading to three titles reaching the New York Times Best Seller list within a year.
- Implemented an innovative feedback system that reduced manuscript review time by 30%, fostering quicker publication cycles and author engagement.
- Co-led a cross-functional team in developing a new digital content strategy that increased online readership engagement by 40%.
- Mentored junior editors in advanced editorial techniques, contributing to a department-wide improvement in manuscript quality and consistency.

Certificates

Poynter ACES Certificate in Editing

Nov 2023

EFA Editorial Freelancers Association Certificate

Aug 2022

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Education

Master of Arts in English Literature at The University of Alabama

Nov 2018 - May 2023

Relevant Coursework: Literary Theory, Modern and Contemporary Literature, Shakespearean Studies, Postcolonial Literature, American Romanticism, and Creative Writing.

Links

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Skills

Proofreading

Copyediting

AP Style

Chicago Manual

SEO

CMS

Languages

English

Italian

Hobbies

Painting

Gardening