



Learning Publishing with a Nonprofit Press

Mission: To learn the behind-the-scenes activities of a literary nonprofit press to lift the voices of **West Virginia and Appalachia** through book publications by honing **critique and evaluation skills**.



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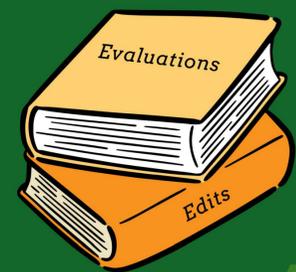
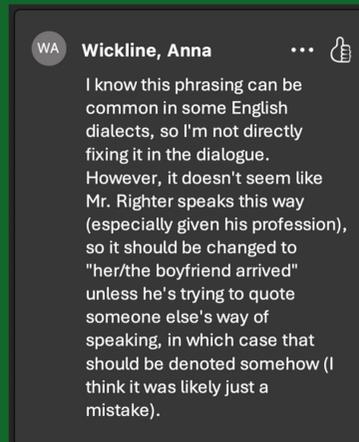
Internship Responsibilities:

- Work with host press to decide which submissions align with the press's goals
- Assess authors' credibility and marketability of works
- Evaluate & edit works at each step in the publishing process critically and contextually

"I would recommend requesting a manuscript for this piece. The piece and author are located in Appalachia, and the genre aligns with those MSP publishes, as it seems to be CNF, given its perspective-based take on real events. The author has an impressive amount of published works and writing awards, though I would take caution in finding out where his prior works were published and which organizations granted these awards to check for credibility. I would also be interested in seeing what the author's MFA is in. The query itself shows writing skill. I would recommend pursuing this further."

Sample Work:

- Evaluations of 3 other presses & their websites
- Evaluations and recommendations on 8 queries
- Critique of chapter samples (3 chapters)
- Copy edited manuscript



"The sample is generally well written, with just a few instances of typos, grammatical mistakes (I only saw the improper possessive for 'class'), missing words (such as 'might have pretty,' instead of 'might have been pretty'), or what appears to be failure to remove a changed word (like 'amount length of time'). One aspect I will note is that, while the piece is generally easy to read, it has some not infrequent instances of uncommon words that might dissuade general audiences; they don't seem to fit with the rest of the linguistic structure, as if pulling from a thesaurus."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Learned the history of a 47 year old 501 (c) nonprofit press



Culture & Context

Evaluated & critiqued proposals, queries, and chapter samples



Critical Thinking & Creation

Responded to authors with diplomacy & professionalism



Communication & Collaboration

Edited and prepared for publishing a 53k word manuscript



Critical Thinking & Composition

Learned about marketing & how it's done in publishing



Communication

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