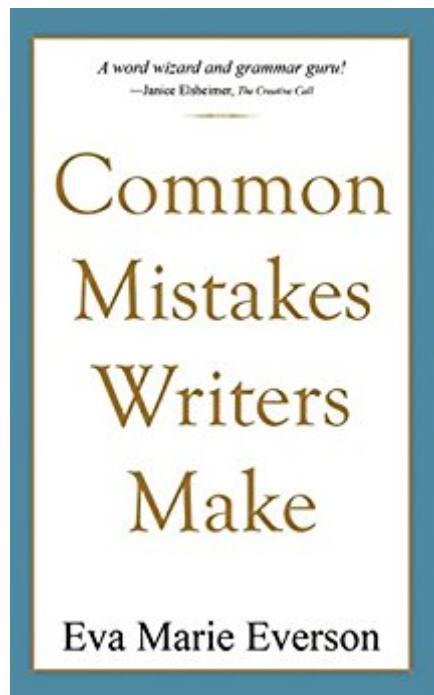




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Common Mistakes Writers Make: Editing And Proofreading (Writing With Excellence)



Synopsis

The first thing a reader or an editor "sees" when they open your book to page one is your best effort at what you are trying to say. Fiction or nonfiction doesn't matter. If your writing is weak, sprinkled with grammatical errors, and plagued by shifting points of view, most readers and editors will not turn to page two. In this short book, best-selling and award-winning author Eva Marie Everson explains how to:

- * Fix weak introductions
- * Find grammatical errors
- * Remove irrelevant details
- * Replace weak words
- * Understand and write to your target audience
- * Avoid big words
- * Create a sense of place
- * Understand the difference between "rules" and "styles"
- * Avoid POV shifts

and much, much more. "I don't claim to be the final authority on all the issues, but I know what I know. This book is but a small collection of editing mistakes I often find in the work that comes across my desk (and sometimes by my own hand). It shouldn't take long for you to read it, but when you reach the end, I hope you'll have had some aha moments. My writing is conversational, because I pretend I am speaking directly to you as I write, my friend. I'm basically telling you what I think I know." ~ Eva

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Customer Reviews

There is not a lot of new information here, but the book is a well-written guide full of the things most writers take for granted. The first part of the book is devoted to basic mistakes WE all make in everyday writing as well as professional writing. Sometimes we are in a hurry and forget things, other times we write down everything in a dump all fashion boring readers with too much detail. It seems obvious that all writers need to focus on their audience, setting, and consistently deliver their message, but how often is the writer distracted from the goal?The second part of the guide focuses on grammar and spelling.. Reminders include avoiding ly words, excessive use of exclamation points, using incorrect word choice or not following submission guidelines. This handbook is an excellent guide to have at your side as a quick reminder because we all get sloppy and careless at one time or another no matter how proficient a writer we believe ourselves to be.

This book is a basic guide to proper writing. Although it's not comprehensive in talking about grammar, it's helpful! I really appreciated Eva Marie's conversational style, and I liked it that she talked about the importance of writing great first lines.

I loved the conversational tone it's written in because it makes this type of book less boring and easier to understand. I knew some of the content from having taught seventh and eighth grade English, but I still made a few notes. It is common to make mistakes when it comes to words not often used so this neat little book is a quick, nifty source to use as a reference and easy to read. I always remembered the use of principal from the principal is a pal. You'll see what I mean if you read the book. This reference source would be especially helpful to new writers.

Hi! Work your story, if it is any good, they may read it. Go through it more than once, common mistakes are just that, correct them.

SUPER! Nothing short of a must have addition to any writer, new or seasoneds', arsenal of writing helps. Eva Marie Everson breaks down those common writing boo-boos, simplifies them, describes them, and fixes them all in one swift sitting. Not owning this book is the worst mistake a writer can make. - Cindy Sproles, Exec. Editor, ChristianDevotions.us

The information was helpful, but I was hoping to find guidelines that are more advanced in guidance. This book did not quite give me what I was looking for, but I can see how it would be helpful for those who are just starting to write and have difficulties with most common English grammar.

This was very helpful.

This book was filled with pragmatic and useful tips. Really well-written, to the point, and helpful. I am now adding more words because it tells me I have to in order to post my review .

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