

**Preferred references for Copyediting/Proofreading**

A good dictionary

***The Chicago Manual of Style*** – free monthly Q&A. The print edition requires a comprehensive knowledge of English grammar, punctuation and style. The bible for book publishing.

***AP Style Guide*** (and other style guides, depending on the client) – this is for journalism, not books

A good style and usage manual

*Write Right* by Jan Venolia

*Rewrite Right* by Jan Venolia

Online grammar and punctuation blogs, such as:

 Grammar Girl’s Quick and Dirty Tips [www.quickanddirtytips.com/**grammar**-**girl**](http://www.quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl)

 If you want more in-depth explanation, this blog is excellent: [www.dailywritingtips.com](http://www.dailywritingtips.com)

I find that a lot of comment on grammar blogs is “I think” rather than “I know,” leading to unhelpful discussion, even antagonism. So choose your preferred authorities carefully.

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