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Dedication

*So many good folks deserve a mention that I
am sure I would forget someone and cause
offense.*

For that reason I will keep my thanks general.

You all know who you are.

*All of you who have offered me advice and
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POLISH YOUR PROSE

**ESSENTIAL EDITING TIPS FOR
AUTHORS**



FOREWORD

In my world, there are two kinds of people, READERS & READER / WRITERS. Now, the first class of people read for enjoyment, entertainment, or education. The second class, the one I find myself a part of, would be the others. Now, we also read for enjoyment, entertainment, and education but our eyes go a bit further; when we read, it's to ensure that the written word is correct.

Harmony Kent falls into the latter class of people. She is one who, as she reads written works, notices the pitfalls, the speed bumps, the "hiccups" and the extremely dangerous forks in the road, which could lead those who just don't know, in the wrong direction.

Writing is hard work, and although we find it easy to speak our thoughts, when it comes to putting it all on paper, there are rules that must be followed, and unfortunately, some of us just don't know those rules. Punctuation, capitalization ... who can keep up with all of that?

Because of her talent, keen eye for writing and her love of helping others, Harmony has put together some of the most wonderful, carefully explained tips to make your written work the best it can be. POLISH YOUR PROSE is in plain, simple, easy-to-understand English (I mean that literally as Harmony Kent is from the UK). No fancy words which you won't understand, no

jargon that will require you to run out and get a “DUMMIES GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING ‘HARMONY’S’ POLISH YOUR PROSE.”

Nope, just plain and simple, from beginning to end.

POLISH YOUR PROSE has a chapter on just about every writing issue imaginable! Confused about 1st, 2nd and 3rd person? It’s in there! Past & Present tense got you stumped? It’s in there! Singles and Plurals throwing you for a loop? There’s a chapter on those, too! Harmony covers it all.

There’s never a replacement for having your written work professionally edited, but you can always make the job easier on your editor and maybe even a bit less costly for your pocketbook if you begin the job yourself. Following the rules outlined in POLISH YOUR PROSE is just what you need to get on the right road to producing your best work ever!

I highly recommend this book to writers who are just entering the field, as well as those veterans who might just need a brush-up. Rules do change, you know. There’s no need to be in the dark anymore about what’s right and what’s wrong with your writing. Harmony has summed it all up for you in a pretty little package she calls, POLISH YOUR PROSE!

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