# MICHAEL FAULKNER

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#### **Services**

I am an experienced UK-based editor, an Advanced Professional Member of the Chartered Institute of Editing and Proofreading (<u>CIEP</u>) and a member of the Society of Authors.

My editorial specialties include:

- copyediting of law and business texts for publishers; and
- line editing of literary and commercial fiction.

As a former lawyer I am used to managing time constraints and following a brief, and I aim to provide clients with a rewarding experience at reasonable cost.

I have had three books published and there is a fourth in the pipeline. These links are to my own books on Amazon:

<u>The Blue Cabin</u> (2006) <u>Still On The Sound</u> (2009) <u>Gentle Giant</u> (2013)

## Career

1979–1983	Litigation assistant, Messrs Brodies, Solicitors, Edinburgh
1984–2001	Owner, Great American Indoors (furniture design, manufacture & retail)
2001–2012	Writing and caring
2011–present	Owner, Michael Faulkner Editorial Services

#### **Education and training**

1970–74 Glenalmond School, Perthshire (3 A-levels)
1975–79 Law degree, University of Aberdeen
2011 Training in proofreading and copy-editing with Publishing Training Centre and the Chartered Insitute of Editing and Proofreading (formerly the Society for Editors and Proofreaders)

## **Testimonials**

'Mike has everything I want from an editor and proofreader: varied experience, industry sector knowledge, sound technical skills, tenacity, an unwavering eye for detail and an unswerving ability to knock even the

# most challenging text into great shape. He is a joy to work with.' Lauren Simpson, Managing Editor, Globe Law and Business

'l enjoyed working with Mike on my copy edit. He was enthusiastic and supportive of my writing, and it was obvious he scrutinised every line of my text. The resulting polish to the prose made the whole story flow much more smoothly. When he proposed revisions to the text, these still kept my author voice.' **GD Harper**, **author**, *A Friend in Deed*, *Silent Money* 

'Hats off – this is great work. Really chuffed with your approach to the text and the style. We appreciate editors who will adopt an elegant scepticism to everything.' **Carolyn Boyle, Managing Editor, Globe Business Publishing Ltd** 

'I also wanted to say that I think you did a brilliant job and the mark-up was really clear.' Blackstaff Press

#### 'You've done a cracking job.' Bradt Travel Guides

'Mike was everything I could ask for and more in an editor, he had an excellent eye for detail, which is what every writer needs. He picked up inaccuracies that I had failed to notice in my work, gave me great advice and made structural changes in order to improve it. He was professional and friendly at all times, but above all, he was very meticulous and thorough, tying up all the loose ends that could destroy a good narrative. As an author I needed an editor who was as passionate about my book as I was; it seemed the heavens favoured me by giving me Mike – in short, he became the fairy godmother of my book, albeit as a man.' **Seja Majeed, author of** *The Forgotten Tale of Larsa* 

'Mike is truly amazing, very efficient, friendly and professional, and delivered the work on time against a very tight deadline – 'Fire-fighting as usual' as he said. I definitely recommend him to others and will continue to use his services again for any future publications and articles.' **Angelina, University of Edinburgh** 

'Thanks Mike. Extremely thorough, and just what the MS needed. Your editing was spot-on, and all your comments on the text itself.' **John Barlow, author of** *Hope Road, Father and Son* and *Communion of Saints* 

## Some projects

Title	Author	Publisher
Recruitment and Retention of Lawyers	Multi-author	Globe Law and Business
Methodologies of Law & Economics	T Ulen	Edward Elgar Ltd
A Song in My Heart	Alrene Hughes	Blackstaff Press Ltd

Where the Green Grants Went	Environmental Funders Network	EFN
Selkirk's Island	Michael Stuart	Self-pub
The Neverfind	Mark Griffin	Self-pub
Family Enterprises	Multi-author	Globe Law and Business
Martha's Girls	Alrene Hughes	Blackstaff Press Ltd
Dream On	John Richardson	Blackstaff Press Ltd
IP in Corporate Transactions	Multi-author	Globe Law and Business
Greece: The Peloponnese	Andrew Bostock	Bradt Travel Guides
Eighty Not Out	Elizabeth McCullough	Blackstaff Press Ltd
The Willow Tree	Vanya Swami	Self-pub
Hope Road	John Barlow	Storm Books
Father and Son	John Barlow	Storm Books
3010 Miles to Manchester	Julian Pollard	Self-pub
The Forgotten Tale of Larsa	Seja Majeed	Bluebird Publishing
Leadership in Law Firms	Multi-author	Globe Law and Business
George and the Attack of the Giant Mushrooms	Pamela McMaster	Self-pub
Internationalisation of Copyright	Dr Jose Bellido	Various journals
TIA – Two Idiots Abroad	Dan Kettlewell	Self-pub
Not in the Hands of Boys	Julian Moss	Camilian Publishing
Solomon's Whale	Ian Bowie	Self-pub
Islamic Finance	Multi-author	Globe Law and Business
Ark	Jenni Swift	Self-pub
Private Equity	Multi-author	Globe Law and Business
Look Without Staring	John Bradley	Self-pub
Chasing Shadows	TN Jobling	Self-pub
IP and the Internet	Multi-author	Globe Law and Business

