

# Manuscript Critiques by Ray and Anna Wiseman



## You need a manuscript critique when—

You have written a manuscript, fiction or non-fiction, and don't know what to do next. When we critique a manuscript, we read and evaluate it and answer your questions—even questions you might not think to ask. Although we specialize in Christian books, we accept most genres—refusing only those judged 'x-rated' or obscene. When necessary, we call upon other team members with expertise in the appropriate fields.

## Are you asking these questions?

- ☉ I have the first draft of a manuscript. Should I continue?
- ☉ What should I do to make it acceptable for publishing?
- ☉ What strengths or weaknesses do you see in my manuscript?
- ☉ In what areas can I improve it?
- ☉ What should my next move be? Should I rewrite? Should I send it to a freelance editor? Should I begin looking for a publisher or agent?



## We offer to evaluate:

- ☉ Your basic language skills—grammar, spelling, punctuation;
- ☉ Areas such as plot development, characterization, logical flow, use of language, need for further editing (depending on the genre of your writing);
- ☉ The present state of your work; and
- ☉ What you need to do before trying to get it published.

We provide a detailed report, pointing out areas that need rewriting or editing. We also suggest programs or organizations where you can get further help in developing your writing skills or improving your manuscript.

## Introducing Ray, Anna, and the critique team:

- ☉ Ray Wiseman, BA, BGSB has written newspaper columns for 18 years, authored or co-authored eight books, including best-selling *Disciples of Joy*, award-winning *Exploring God's Route 66*, and the acclaimed novel *When Cobras Laugh*.
- ☉ Anna Wiseman, Ray's wife of 54 years, proofreads everything he writes. She co-authored *Exploring God's Route 66*.
- ☉ Other team members help in specialized areas: Mary Lou Cornish, BA, MA, (journalism and poetry); David Wiseman, BA (science fiction); and Linda Stover (youth ministry).

## What will it cost?

Contact us for an estimate. Typically, a 50,000 to 75,000 word manuscript will cost you \$225.

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