

I'm Blair.

Let's make books together.



Hi there! I'm Blair Thornburgh, a professional editor, published author, writing coach, and all-around book nerd and grammar geek.

I started The Author Studio so I could do more of what I love (and what I'm best at): helping authors make their books shine.

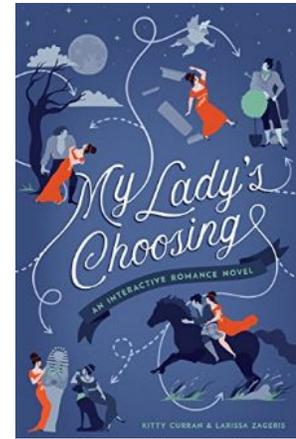
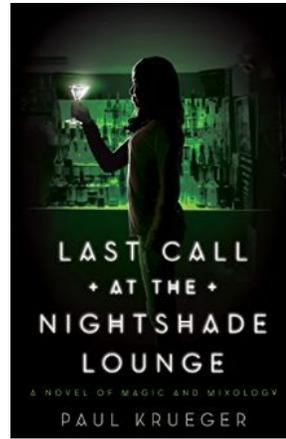
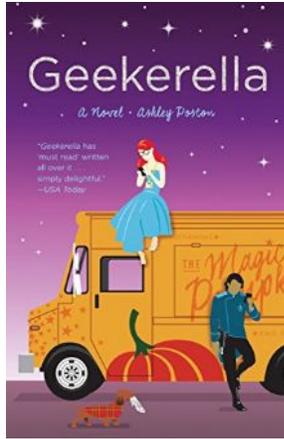
My experience

I've spent over six years in the publishing industry, including five and a half as a Senior Editor at Quirk Books, where I've edited NYT, indie, and international bestsellers. I earned my MFA from Hamline University in 2017, and am the author of three published books myself, two YA novels with Harper Teen and one picture book with Atheneum/S&S. I've also worked with indie authors forging their own career path and literary agents boosting authors to new heights.

- Member, Editorial Freelancers Association
- Member, Romance Writers of America
- Member, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
- Honoree, Publishers Weekly Star Watch 2017
- B.A. in Medieval Studies, University of Chicago; MFA in Creative Writing, Hamline University
 - Winner, Frances and Kermit Rudolf Award for Non-Fiction
- Former intern, Folio Literary Management
- Former English language and grammar consultant, Sit on the SAT®

My portfolio

Here's a brief sampling of the books I'm proudest of working on:



<p>Geekerella By Ashley Poston</p>	<p>Last Call at the Nightshade Lounge By Paul Krueger</p>	<p>The Fangirl's Guide to the Galaxy By Sam Maggs</p>	<p>My Lady's Choosing By Kitty Curran and Larissa Zageris</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2017 Kids Indie Next List Pick • Goodreads Choice Award finalist for Best YA Fiction <p>“Geekerella has ‘must-read’ written all over it [...] simply delightful.” —USA Today's Happy Ever After</p> <p>“A celebration of fandom and happily ever afters, this feel-good reimagining hits all the right notes.” —Publishers Weekly</p> <p>“Fairytale and fandom collide in this sweet, heartfelt, entertaining rom-com.” —Bustle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazon Best Book of the Month • Over 700 four- and five-star reviews on Goodreads <p>“Krueger’s enjoyable light contemporary fantasy novel will satisfy fans of bars and bartenders...the winning main characters and the occasional histories of the drinks provide plenty of fun.” —Publishers Weekly</p> <p>“The main character makes this book great, as the voice and insight are believable and fun. This book will appeal to a wide range of sf fans.” —Booklist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Globe and Mail</i> bestseller (Canada) • Nearly 2,000 four- and five-star reviews on Goodreads <p>“If you or someone else in your life could do with an inclusive, funny, super smart, and sweet introduction to the world of female geeks, look no further.” —The Mary Sue</p> <p>“Short, thorough, wide-spread, funny, and varied—I wish I'd had this handbook when I first ventured into the fanzones!” —Tamora Pierce, author of <i>The Song of the Lioness</i> series</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 775 four- and five-star reviews on Goodreads • Indie bestseller <p>“An enticing romp.” —Entertainment Weekly</p> <p>“A Byronic hero, a Highlander and a scandalous aristocratic lady as potential lovers? We’re sold.” —BookPage</p> <p>“...this Choose Your Own Adventure style romance is addictive [...] gleefully over the top.” —Smart Bitches, Trashy Books</p>

My testimonials

I find working with my clients and helping them key into their stories to be a blast—and the books end up stronger, deeper, tighter, and compulsively readable. But don't take my word for it!

"I just had to let you know that the book is doing **fantastic on Amazon**. It's #1 in two categories and #6 in a third on Free Kindle [...] **I couldn't have done it without you!**"

—*Louisa B., historical fiction*

"**I already feel like a better writer** just looking at some of your notes. I have to be honest, I never really wanted to spend money on my writing...but something about **you and your enthusiasm for my story** really, REALLY made me want to say yes."

—*James G., middle grade fantasy*

"Thank you for your feedback. Your notes and comments **help with the flow greatly.**"

—*Janice M., contemporary romance*

"Your comments are very helpful because they are specific and you give me suggestions. [...] Thank you again, **this is amazing feedback!**"

—*Jennifer M., YA dystopian*

My interests

Of course, I don't spend *all* my time editing. I also love cooking, yoga, strong black coffee, long walks through my small Pennsylvania town, dogs and puppies of all types, lipstick that doesn't flake, and a strong and spicy Bloody Mary.

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Take care and write well!

Blair