

How I Met My Editor

Have you ever gone to a place and wondered, “What am I doing here?”

You’re trying to follow Jesus and you find yourself sitting at a place that you rarely go, thinking you heard from Him to go there. And you waited.

But nobody showed.

Or you actually go up and talk to someone you’ve never seen before. Someone who appeared to be homeless—not your best buddy. You start the conversation, and they continue to stare at you. No response. Finally they say, “What do you want?”

I’ve actually said the words, “I felt led to talk to you about Jesus.”

And they spewed words back at you. Lots of words.

As you walk back to your car, you ask Jesus what that was all about. “I just wanted to see if you’d do it.”

Blink.

But what if you needed to find an editor?

Back in 2011-2013, I had written four books by then, been rejected by many editors, but when I wrote *Released*, Book 1 of *The Great Escapee Series*, I felt it might be worth the time and money pursuing self-publishing.

But it needed an editor! How do you find an editor? They’re expensive. It’s like a blind date.

I kept seeing a post on social media about a conference. Their first year. At St. Louis, MO—within driving distance. Affordable—like I said, their first year.

I didn’t know anyone. But God did. He had a plan.

Here’s the deal: yes, they were Christian, but they wrote horror and sci-fi, fantasy. I don’t even read horror!

But I went.

I sat in the one-room event, visited with people, and a lady sat next to me. I knew who she was—I had seen her at a previous conference. I knew what she had written.

We spent the day together. Had a lot in common.

When I asked her what she did other than write books, she replied, “I’m a freelance editor.”

My antenna went up!

Kathy Tyers edited my first three books. She wrote two of the *Star Wars* universe novels, plus several others in that genre.

God knew I needed an editor, and He sat an award-winning author right next to me!

I literally drove to a strange city and found myself sitting in a place I had never been. But unlike the above, Kathy didn't spew words back at me. She became my editor, embraced my work, and taught me better ways to write.

Do you think I would have approached someone of her caliber, if God hadn't sat her next to me?

Sometimes it's a test, sometimes it's an answer in Lines on the Page ...

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