

In the same way a medical doctor might examine a patient and perform surgery, a book doctor is a professional who improves a book manuscript. They identify areas that need refinement and "open up" the patient (the manuscript) to begin cutting, adding, and moving parts around. A ghostwriter writes on behalf of the author. A book doctor takes the work of an author and seeks to retain their voice, style, and the essence of the patient.

#### Overview of a Book Doctor's Assistance

- \* Specific Guidance for Your Book
- \* Structural Changes that Improve the Flow of the Work
- \* Trimming, Tightening, and Tweaking
- \* Improved Clarity, Highlighting, and Coloring
- \* Turning Passive Voice Into Active Writing

While a ghostwriter writes on behalf of the author, a book doctor works with the author's source material. Their goal is to preserve the author's unique voice, style, and essence of the book — the patient as it were.

#### **Benefits**

An author can expect to receive specific guidance for their book. The advice and suggestions a book doctor offers are personalized to enhance the manuscript.

A book doctor might recommend structural changes that can improve the flow of the manuscript. They can spot plot and organizational inconsistencies missed by the author, and rearrange elements to make the reading experience smoother and more engaging.

The process of trimming, tightening, and tweaking by your book physician provides a clear, concise read. Unnecessary words or sentences are removed, and the prose is tightened. This refines the manuscript, enhancing its readability and impact.

When completed, your manuscript should benefit from increased tension, drama, and emotion. The work will — or should — have more clarity and purpose. The important parts will gain more relevance. Redundancy is removed.

Finally, passive writing and voice are converted into active writing. The sentence structure is adjusted to clarify cause and effect, and double negatives are removed.

Much like a surgeon saving a patient's life, a book doctor breathes life into a book.