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# McGraw-Hill's Proofreading Handbook (NTC Reference)



## Synopsis

Expert advice to perfect your proofreading skills McGraw-Hill's Proofreading Handbook helps ensure that your documents are letter-perfect, every time. Veteran editor and proofreader Laura Anderson arms you with all the tools of the proofreader's trade and walks you step-by-step through the entire proofreading process.

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McGraw-Hill's Proofreading Handbook is an excellent book for new proofreaders and a great refresher course for seasoned proofreaders. I love that it has a list of proofreaders' tools, various samples of style sheets (which I really need and like), a section on what to query and how to query, and of course, proofreaders' marks. It even has a section on copyediting issues and points and picas. Great basic book to have on your bookshelf.

My liberal arts education and B.A. in English taught me proper grammar, spelling, punctuation and so forth, but it did not give me the tools of the trade to tell others how to improve their writing. This book shows how to read a text to look for errors and how to mark them so they can be corrected. Excellent book.

Hilariously, the contents are affixed to the cover upside down, with the pages in otherwise correct sequence, running from the last page of the index to the title page. I haven't read it yet, but the

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Books okay not exactly what I expected and what made it even worse is the cover is put on backwards and pages are upside down so I'm not sure what's going on with whoever put this together

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