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Pre-Publish Manuscript QA Checklist

The checks to run on an AI-written book before anyone can buy it: continuity, factual claims, formatting damage, and the disclosure question.

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Checklist edition · 12 pages
For AI-written books and any other kind.

How to use this checklist

Four sections, run on a finished manuscript, in this order. Every row has a fix. A row you cannot answer is a row that has not been checked.

PASS 1 — SEARCH

Work the section tables with the manuscript open, using each row's search terms. Search is what makes these checks finite: names, dates, units, and the placeholder strings on pages 7 and 8 are all findable in a second.

PASS 2 — READ

Read the book once, start to finish, in one sitting, as a reader. Do not edit. Mark only where you stopped or went back. Stop-points are almost always continuity breaks or claims that read as too confident.

The three labels used on every fix

STOP

Do not publish until it is fixed. Unsupported claims, a quote you have not checked, front matter naming a different book, clipped or broken formatting, missing AI disclosure.

FIX

Should be fixed before publishing, and re-checked afterwards. Most consistency and formatting rows land here.

LATER

Real, but not worth delaying a launch for. Write it on the pass sheet as edition 2 work, and mean it.

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What this checklist cannot do: it cannot verify your facts for you, judge whether your subject is worth a book, or make a weak manuscript strong. It finds the damage that is cheap to find and expensive to publish.

SAMPLE — pages 1–2 of the 12-page Pre-Publish Manuscript QA Checklist
A free excerpt, not the complete file. The full checklist is sold at myinkstack.com