

**Aléna M. Orrison**  
**Freelance Writer and Editor**  
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- Broad background spans magazine articles, online publications, short stories and novels, and social media marketing.
- Passionate about respecting readers and writers, and making a true connection with them.
- Consistently recognized as a talented editor and team leader.

***Areas of Expertise***

- Story and Character Development
- Write themed articles, short stories, and poems
- Writing and Editing guided by the Chicago Manual of Style
- Citations in MLA or APA, as determined by client or subject matter.
- Newsletters
- Web Content and Social Media

***Selected Highlights***

**As Writer:** Authored articles for publications such as *Elemental Magick* and *Coffee House Writers*.

**As Editor:** Manage a team of up to 15 writers, editing their work weekly and providing them with support and feedback. Provide extensive edits and feedback for self-published authors' manuscripts. Compile and edit monthly newsletters for two organizations.

***Professional Experience***

VARIOUS CLIENTS

Manage multiple assignments working with a wide variety of clients, from non-fiction to fiction writers. Built reputation for high-quality work.

Served as editor for *Spiral On!* Newsletter, *The Tor Stone* Online Journal, *Blanchard BASIC Community* Newsletter, *The Barge* Newsletter, and *Coffee House Writers*.

Edited and provided feedback and guidance for five self-published manuscripts.

***Education and Memberships***

- Bachelor of Arts in English, with a concentration in Fiction and Creative Writing — Southern New Hampshire University. Graduated January 2018 as Summa Cum Laude
- Awarded Southern New Hampshire University's President's List for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.
- Member of the Idaho Writer's League 2016-2019.
- Member of Alpha Sigma Lambda, Sigma Psi Chapter since 2015.
- Member of the National Society of Leadership and Success since 2014.
- Breaking into Print Writing Certificate, Institute for Writers, December 2013.