

# Colin Cooper

Editor and proofreader



No-nonsense nonfiction.

## My name is Colin Cooper and I'm a freelance nonfiction editor.

With a background in international journalism and marketing, I help authors, publishers and third sector organisations to develop and finesse all kinds of factual writing. I specialise in copyediting and proofreading academic trade titles as well as textbooks and reports for NGOs and UN agencies.

Established in 2016, I started Grand Apostrophe to help writers from all backgrounds to publish with pride. I often work with first-time authors, non-native English speakers and people with learning difficulties like dyslexia.

I have a particular interest in the fields of current affairs, heritage, international development, music and social sciences.

## Training

### Proofreading Theses & Dissertations

CIEP, October 2020

### Introduction to and Advanced PerfectIt(c)

Cadman Training Services, November 2018

### Copyediting 2: Headway

Society for Editors and Proofreaders, March 2018


### Successful Editorial Freelancing

Publishing Training Centre, July 2017

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## Services

### Developmental editing

Helps you to structure (or restructure) your work to make it clearer and more accessible for your target readership.

### Copyediting

Ensures readers won't be distracted by errors and inconsistencies – building trust and confidence in the things you have to say.

### Proofreading

The last line of defence between your project and its publication.

## Education

### MA World Heritage Studies (ongoing)

University of Birmingham, graduating November 2024

### BA (C. Hons.) International Development & Religious Studies (2:1)

University of Chester, November 2012

## Specialisms

Trade nonfiction  
Teaching resources and textbooks  
Third-sector reports  
Long-form journalism

## Software

Microsoft Office  
Adobe Acrobat Reader  
LaTeX  
Final Draft  
Scrivener

## Recent clients

Independent authors  
Cengage  
Saqi  
University of Exeter  
Westbourne Press



# Portfolio

Alongside a range of non-publishing material, journal articles and chapters in edited books, I've worked on a range of texts, including:

## Nonfiction

*The Century of Deception: The Birth of the Hoax in Eighteenth Century England* by Ian Keable  
*Charting Space: The Cartographies of Conceptual Art* edited by Elize Mazadiego  
*Dangerous Ideas: A Brief History of Censorship in the West, from the Ancients to Fake News* by Eric Berkowitz  
*Diplomacy and Reform in Iran: Foreign Policy Under Khatami* by Edward Wastnidge  
*Mohamed Makiya: A Modern Architect Renewing Islamic Tradition* by Karen Dabrowska  
*Paris Isn't Dead Yet: Surviving Gentrification in the City of Light* by Cole Stangler  
*Rise: Extraordinary Women of Colour who Changed the World* by Maliha Abidi  
*Supervision for Occupational Therapy: Practical Guidance for Supervisors and Supervisees* edited by Karina Dancza, Anita Volkert and Stephanie Tempest  
*Understanding Libya Since Gaddafi* by Ulf Laessing  
*Vermin, Victims and Disease: British Debates over Bovine Tuberculosis and Badgers* by Angela Cassidy  
*Vintage Addis Ababa: Recollections of Everyday People* by Philip Schütz, Wongel Abebe and Nafkot Gebeyehu

## Textbooks and teaching resources

*Caribbean Studies: A CXC Study Guide* by Jason Sammy, Nardia Johnson and Recardo Valentine  
*Essential Accounting for Cambridge IGCSE® & O Level (third edition)* by David Austen, Christine Gilchrist and Peter Hailstone  
*Exam Success in Accounting for Cambridge IGCSE® & O Level* by David Austen  
*Exam Success in Business Studies for Cambridge IGCSE® & O Level* by Stefan Wytwyckyj  
*Just Click for the Caribbean (third edition)* by Howard Lincoln and Alison Page

## Reports

*Annual Report 2020/21 and Financial Statements to 31 July 2021* University of Exeter  
*Child Notice Ethiopia 2018* UNICEF  
*Child Notice Somalia 2018* UNICEF  
*Evaluation of the DG ECHO-funded Emergency Social Safety Net in Turkey November 2016–February 2018* World Food Programme  
*Grounded: Beyond Flygskam* FORES  
*The New Economics of Innovation and Transition: Evaluating Opportunities and Risks* EEIST  
*Technical Assistance to the Sector Reform Contract: Social Protection Kyrgyzstan Progress Report 3, July 2018* EEAS

