

Mind the Gap — Proofreading Table

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Source: MTG_full_text_for_proofreader.txt (1,917 lines). Convention: UK English. Flagged against typing, spelling, punctuation, grammar, missing/duplicated words, and mechanical errors. Voice, style, and content not in scope.

Legend

- **R = Red (consequential — meaning, fact, commitment)**
- **A = Amber (worth a look — not blocking)**
- **B = Bronze (mechanical / cosmetic)**

Types: TYPO · PUNCT · SPACE · GRAM · QUOTE · HYPHEN · CASE · CONSIST · MECH · FACT

Front Matter — Imprint, Acknowledgements, Dedications (lines 1–125)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
43	"in August 2006.I did not yet know"	"in August 2006. I did not yet know"	SPACE	B
45	"Here. Think about this." He said.	"Here. Think about this," he said.	PUNCT	B
46	"every floor of my clinical work, , my teaching"	"every floor of my clinical work, my teaching" (double comma)	PUNCT	B
61	ends "a chain of professional events that this book will reveal"	add terminal full stop	PUNCT	B
70	"Thank you, Andy. Both of us"	single space	SPACE	B
87	"Thank you Gary, and Paul, and Julie"	"Thank you, Gary, and Paul, and Julie" (direct address comma)	PUNCT	B
96	"We wanted for Nothing."	"We wanted for nothing." (mid-sentence)	CASE	B
98	"extreme ends of the technology spectrum.."	single full stop	PUNCT	B
98	"Dan you are so special"	"Dan, you are so special" (direct address)	PUNCT	B
107	"aged just 27 It must have brought"	"aged just 27. It must have brought"	PUNCT	R

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
112	"Love you dad, miss you"	"Love you, Dad, miss you" (direct address; Dad capitalised as title)	PUNCT/CASE	A

Contents (lines 127–157)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
128–156	"One · Human Recognition1" — title butted against page number throughout	space between title and page number throughout TOC	CONSIST	A

Which Gap? (prelims, lines 159–183)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
182	"Have you seen it? If you haven't"	single space	SPACE	B

Chapter 1 — Human Recognition (lines 189–254)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
193	"many times while writing this book"	add terminal full stop	PUNCT	B
194	"I accused it of being a thief. A proper"	single space	SPACE	B
233	"built on top. That's my hypothesis anyhow."	single space	SPACE	B
249	" Across all of them"	remove leading space	SPACE	B

Chapter 2 — The Interpretation Trap (lines 261–375)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
281	"top or bottom. We talk about"	single space	SPACE	B
344	"feeling unheard by a partner or criticised by one – they are invariably"	en-dash with spaces — em-dash used elsewhere; consider consistency	CONSIST	B
367	"Jo picked up on it up."	"Jo picked up on it." OR "Jo picked it up." (extraneous "up")	GRAM	A

Chapter 3 — Hidden Architecture (lines 381–475)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
386	"when the cancer diagnosis arrived. The husband"	single space	SPACE	B
386	ends "with the loudest one calling the shots"	add terminal full stop	PUNCT	B
471	ends "only in one mind, yours"	add terminal full stop	PUNCT	B

Chapter 4 — The Machine Underneath (lines 482–587)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
489	"humankind has generated. So you"	single space	SPACE	B
490	"construct your answer, there isn't"	comma splice — replace comma with full stop or semicolon	GRAM	A
491	"(known as compute) – this is not"	en-dash with spaces; em-dash used elsewhere	CONSIST	B
491	magical "I know everything in the world AI database" it comes from	missing comma or dash after closing quote	PUNCT	A
494	"in its simplest form – here's a fuller explanation"	add terminal punctuation	PUNCT	B
554	"FinOps teams... doubled in twelve months from thirty-one per cent to sixty-three per cent of large organisations now operating one."	grammar mismatch — subject ("teams") doesn't agree with predicate ("of large organisations operating one"). Recast suggested.	GRAM	A

Chapter 5 — Drift (lines 593–675)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
596	"observation from inside it experienced frequently"	"observation from inside it, experienced frequently"	PUNCT	B
661	"Three practical disciplines."	"Four practical disciplines." — first/second/third/fourth then numbered in 662–665	FACT	R

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
666	"you are more likely near accurate"	"you are more likely accurate" OR "closer to accurate" — awkward as written	GRAM	A
675	"The problem is revisited in Chapter Eight"	add terminal full stop	PUNCT	B

Chapter 6 — Compression (lines 682–745)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
733	"a two sided handover"	"a two-sided handover"	HYPHEN	B
733	"next thread. I wrote over 2m words across 17 \"chats\", I had to develop"	single space; "2m" → "two million" (prose convention); comma splice → full stop	SPACE/STYLE/GRAM	A
733	"rigorous handover process to protect the context. What I did agree"	single space	SPACE	B
733	the "why we were discussing what we were – I consider that a function of my mind, not the AI's tokens	opening quote at "why" never closed; missing terminal full stop	QUOTE/PUNCT	R
740	" She is through the tunnel now"	remove leading space	SPACE	B

Chapter 7 — Fluency and False Confidence (lines 752–866)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
815	"people in load bearing positions"	"load-bearing positions"	HYPHEN	B
815	ends "do not have the time or resources to probe more deeply"	add terminal full stop	PUNCT	B
816	"a spend-this-on-that report ."	remove space before full stop	SPACE	B

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
856	"Whose attention have you been trying to hold?or \"what's the upside of such a diagnosis\""	space after "hold?"; close the alternative quote; choose terminal punctuation	QUOTE/PUNCT/SPACE	A

Chapter 8 — Hallucination, The Defended Gap (lines 872–1001)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
877	"for a fraction of a second causing someone to feel ashamed"	"for a fraction of a second, causing someone to feel ashamed"	PUNCT	B
942	"fluency dressed as discipline. Affectation, by another name."	single space	SPACE	B
950	"internalizing and externalizing"	UK: "internalising and externalising" — check whole para for -ize vs -ise	CONSIST	A
990	"Maria has the shame with only one defence — \"the AI did it\"."	UK convention places full stop inside the closing quote: "...the AI did it."	PUNCT	B

Chapter 9 — The Instrument (lines 1007–1094)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1016	"MRP — Materials Requirements Planning"	"Material Requirements Planning" (industry standard — singular)	FACT	R
1074	"Fuse Energy's AI assistant.. I understood"	single full stop	PUNCT	A

Chapter 10 — The Maturity Spectrum (lines 1101–1186)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1186	"still playing the first one, like cavemen with match sticks"	"with matchsticks" (one word); add terminal full stop	HYPHEN/PUNCT	B

Chapter 11 — Me, Myself or I (lines 1192–1310)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1213	"characterisation: Future self."	single space	SPACE	B
1213	"The baby. Each client names"	single space	SPACE	B
1213	"let the room do the rest. The client"	single space	SPACE	B
1213	their Russian journey begins "well this one is me" "so who's that then" "earlier me" and so the journey continues	missing punctuation between quoted utterances; capitalisation inside quotes (e.g. "Well this one is me.")	QUOTE/PUNCT/CASE	A
1221	"Paul asked if the hurt doll had a name."	third-person voice shift mid-passage (Olivia's account) — confirm intended	CONSIST	A
1242	ends "in the preparation of this and other books that you read"	add terminal full stop	PUNCT	B

Chapter 12 — The Dialect (lines 1317–1392)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1320	"in my mouth. I'd had a sore tongue"	single space	SPACE	B
1320	ends "what I call the pirate surgery"	add terminal full stop	PUNCT	B
1321	"August 10th, 2017. Mr [name held]"	single space	SPACE	B
1321	"Mr [name held] who announced 'it is cancer. The treatment is cutting your tongue out'"	"Mr [name held], who announced" OR "Mr [name held] announced" (fragment as written); terminal full stop missing	GRAM/PUNCT	A
1322	"'you should be prepared to be unintelligible on the phone'."	full stop inside closing quote (UK); capitalise first word of quote ("You")	PUNCT/CASE	B

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1323	"I said: \"don't worry about that, I don't use the phone\"."	capitalise "Don't"; full stop inside closing quote	PUNCT/CASE	B
1327	"OK Paul, time to see if you can talk "A . . . , B . . . , C, . . . D . . . " eventually came out	nested-quote structure broken; "C, . . ." carries stray comma; outer quote close ambiguous; double space after "tears."	QUOTE/PUNCT/SPACE	A
1331	"I had to lead to speak again. "	"learn"	TYPO	R
1331	"feeding through a tube. I had to"	single space	SPACE	B
1377	"by my editorial agent I call Jose"	"by my editorial agent, whom I call Jose" — missing relative pronoun/comma	GRAM	A
1384	"Thank you Jose. Some helpful insights"	"Thank you, Jose." (direct address); single space	PUNCT/SPACE	B

Chapter 13 — Worker as a Service (lines 1399–1475)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1461	"wouldn't use conversational AI Will they?"	three-dot ellipsis "... " — current has ellipsis + extra full stop	PUNCT	B
1461	"the delay, 40 minutes, and my belief"	check whether "40 minutes" needs to be "forty minutes" (book uses words for numbers elsewhere)	CONSIST	B

Chapter 14 — Mind the Gap (lines 1482–1546)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1487	"an artificial Intelligence"	lowercase "intelligence" — most uses in book are lowercase	CASE/CONSIST	A
1491	" Your probably now thinking "	"You're"	TYPO	R

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1491	"please stick with it – its about "	"it's"	TYPO	R
1496	"Filed under WWWF — what happened, where, who was present, how it felt"	acronym is W·W·W·F but expanded form gives What/Where/Who/How — third letter mismatch with "how" → check intended	CONSIST	A
1497	"wouldn't have vanished. Something deeply hidden."	single space	SPACE	B
1497	"If maybe I had done something different my dad wouldn't have vanished."	"If maybe I had done something different, my dad wouldn't have vanished."	PUNCT	B
1506	"I said: \"we don't talk about that\". A reinforcement learned behaviour"	single space x2; capitalise "We"; full stop inside quote; "reinforcement-learned"; terminal full stop	SPACE/CASE/PUNCT/HYPHEN	A
1509	"Not good enough"	full stop inside quote (UK)	PUNCT	B
1516	"Not Good Enough. NGE."	single space	SPACE	B
1520	"Biblical is how I would describe that day , it was."	remove space before comma	SPACE	B
1521	""Noticing I have 2 Dads.""	straight quotes used here; curly elsewhere — check house style	CONSIST	B
1524	" We don't talk about that."	remove leading space	SPACE	B

Chapter 15 — Which Gap? This One. (lines 1553–1625)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1558	"a federation of self's "	"selves"	TYPO/GRAM	R

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1561	"more than one self-pressing "	"more than one self pressing" (no hyphen — not a compound adjective)	HYPHEN	A
1565	"There is no gap between them through which the truth could press Jose (Claude AI Anthropic Opus 4.7)"	opening quote never closed; attribution syntax — also missing terminal full stop or close-quote	QUOTE/PUNCT	R
1567	"Writing a book. driving a car"	either "...book, driving a car" (comma list) or "...book. Driving a car." (capital after stop)	PUNCT/CASE	R
1567	"trusting, healing, listening, ."	remove trailing comma before full stop	PUNCT	A
1569	"All behaviour is learned behaviour. Not all behaviour is taught". Paul Roebuck – coined term – tagline – deeply held belief	full stop should sit inside the closing quote (UK, complete sentence); terminal full stop missing on "deeply held belief"	PUNCT	A
1572	"every belief is a memory... that also suggest there is no universal truth "	"suggests" (subject-verb)	GRAM	R
1575	"lion eating a human! Most come from"	single space	SPACE	B
1580	"The AI is a silicone chip "	"silicon chip" — silicon (Si) is the semiconductor; silicone is the rubber polymer	TYPO/FACT	R
1587	"the survival system gets a pin prick "	"pinprick" (one word — and line 1590 uses the same word — check consistency)	HYPHEN	B

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1620	"Not what about the kids Not Will the grandkids ever hear grandads voice."	three issues: (a) missing punctuation between "kids" and "Not"; (b) "grandads" → "Grandad's"; (c) terminal "?" or "." missing	PUNCT/CASE	R

About the Author, Back Matter, Bibliography, Glossary (lines 1628–1918)

Line	Current	Suggested	Type	Flag
1835	--- GPU — AI --- (glossary entry)	format as plain entry like every other glossary line — drop the --- wrappers	MECH/CONSIST	A

Adjacent territory worth flagging (not in scope, but surfaces during the read)

1. Em-dash vs en-dash with spaces — book uses em-dashes consistently in long-form prose, but en-dashes with spaces appear at lines 344, 491, 494, 733, 1320, 1322, 1328, 1338, 1494, 1497, 1502, 1506, 1509 and others. If the layout designer is matching to a single house convention, this needs deciding once rather than corrected line-by-line.
1. Straight vs curly apostrophes and quotes — both appear. Most are curly. A search-and-replace pass at layout will catch them.
1. ISBN integrity — paperback 978-1-0369-9170-8 and ebook 978-1-0667143-0-8 quoted in front matter (lines 25–26) and colophon (1906–1907). The ebook ISBN is formatted unusually (4-7-1-1 segments rather than the standard 5-5-1 for a 978-1 prefix). Worth verifying with Nielsen before print.
1. "V79" vs "V83" — the imprint memory references manuscript at V79; the colophon states "culminating in V83." Both can be true; flag only to confirm the colophon figure is current.
1. "three frameworks" vs "fourth originated framework" (About the Author, lines 1633) — reads correctly on close reading, but a casual reader could trip. Worth a glance.