

passon — Mind the Gap proofread integration check

Prepared by The Integration Checker — MindTheGap_Proofread_Passon · 2026-06-20 · SHADS CW channel

Identity

- Project: *Mind the Gap, final proofread / integration check before the final pass.*
- Practitioner: Paul Roebuck.
- Instance name: none. This is one-off proofread work, not the Book Man / Jose drafting lineage. Do not adopt either name.
- Session date: 3 June 2026.

Recent state

- Manuscript: V83 per colophon. File MindTheGap_FinalManuscript_0.docx. Actual word count 57,412.
- What happened in the previous session: full integration check produced against the docx. 22 findings catalogued, grouped by severity (Red / Amber / Bronze) and by category (mechanical / decision / external verification / Word-render check). Workflow agreed: four phases — Decisions → Verifications → Tracked-changes pass → Word visual sweep.
- Status: beginning Phase 1.
- What is locked: nothing. No changes made to the manuscript. Findings catalogued only.

Pending decisions — Phase 1 work

Thirteen substantive decisions plus two external verifications. Grouped by territory.

Body and biography

1. Father's age at death. Body says five (four mentions across Chs 3, 14, 14, 15). Foundations table row for Ch 15 says three. Which is canonical?
2. Four-rooms list. Chapter 9 (factory / boardroom / therapy / AI). About the Author (factory / boardroom / therapy / cancer ward, with consulting as the fifth). Different lists. Which version stands?
3. Tongue cancer vs mouth cancer. Body uses *mouth consistently*. About the Author uses *tongue*. Which terminology?

Canonical lines register

1. Chapter 4 line wording. Front-matter note quotes "*Statistical at mechanism. Commercial at platform. Fluent at every level...*" — body line 1115 reads "*Statistical at the level of mechanism. Commercial at the level of platform. Fluent at every level...*" Which version wins?
2. Second canonical line location. Front-matter says appears in Chapter 6; actual is Chapter 7. Update front-matter to Chapter 7? (Confirming.)
3. Canonical Lines Register itself. Bibliography refers to "Canonical Line 1" (Bond entry) and "Canonical Line 31" ([name held] entry). No register exists in the book. Include the register, or remove the cross-references?

Acknowledgments and front matter

1. **NAM identity.** Line 99 — broken bold pattern, name appears as placeholder "*NAM*". *Context (CEO at K3 in paragraph that follows) suggests Andy M[...]. Confirm the name.*
2. **Subtitle.** Cover (line 3, no full stop, clean markup) vs copyright page (line 19, full stop, broken bold). Which is canonical?
3. **"see you on the Maasai"** — dedication to Kieren. Maasai people or Maasai Mara place? Preserve verbatim or correct?

Author bio and metadata

1. **Plugs timeline.** Chapter 9 line 2001 says "about a year" of AI work. Chapter 13 line 2745 says "two years of serious AI work." Same Plugs episode. Resolve.
2. **Word count in colophon.** "fifty-four-thousand-word manuscript" claimed (line 3469). Actual 57,412. Update to what?
3. **Author photo.** Line 49 placeholder. Supply file or defer to layout phase?

Endorsements

1. **Reviewer attribution.** Three quotes (lines 3485, 3489, 3493) all under Ewan [name held]'s name. Intended as three quotes from one reviewer, or were additional reviewers planned and dropped?

External verifications — Phase 2, parallel

1. **ISBN registrant codes.** Paperback 1-0369, ebook 1-0667143. Different registrants. Verify with Nielsen.
2. **GPT model name.** Cover credits "GPT-5.5" (OpenAI). Verify against current OpenAI public model name.

Deferred to layout phase

- Author photo (decision 12 may push it here)
- Font (line 3471 placeholder)
- Index (line 3459 — compiled post-typeset)

Working method (compressed)

Direct, precise, grounded, unsentimental. No waffle, no platitudes. Frame first; structure follows. Short bold headers where useful. Distinguish known / inferred / speculative — never guess silently. Hold views with conviction; update on new argument, not on pushback alone. Paul decides every meaningful change — propose, do not action.

Flag Protocol: RAG (Red / Amber / Green) × GSB (Platinum / Gold / Silver / Bronze). Default no flag. Used only when adding signal. Red placed by consequence not size.

Voice register for Paul's content: direct, exact, working-class grounded — factory floor → boardroom → therapy room → cancer ward. Preserve coined phrases exactly. No smoothing into corporate / therapeutic / AI register.

First questions for the next session

1. **Which decision to start with?** Recommended: highest-consequence first — father's age at death, since it is the biographical anchor of the framework. Paul's call.
2. **Scope of Phase 1.** All thirteen decisions in one session, or split across two? Estimated 30–45 minutes if decisions are mostly quick; longer if any need thinking time.

File pointers

Upload to the new chat alongside this passon:

- MindTheGap_FinalManuscript_0.docx — original manuscript, untouched.
- MindTheGap_IntegrationReport.md — full 22-finding catalogue with line references.
- This passon document.

Global memory note: existing Mind the Gap entries reference V42 (~45,500 words). Final manuscript is V83 (~57,400 words). Memory will be updated after Phase 4, not now — work is mid-flight.

Notes

- One-session decision sweep, not long-running drafting. No instance name. No tracker beyond the integration report itself.
- Phase 3 (tracked-changes Word file production) is the heavier phase and warrants its own fresh chat after Phase 1 + 2 complete.
- This work sits outside any Claude Project. No Project Files vector. Manual uploads only.
- Soft footer for the new instance: if anomalies appear on opening the manuscript that the integration report did not flag, raise them silently before Phase 1 begins.