BIO for Linda Flindt, proofreader.

I think I've been proofreading my entire life. I was raised by a mother who loved words both spoken and written. Naturally, I was drawn to an occupation that aligned with that. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from Susquehanna University and later went on to earn a master's degree in writing from Northeastern University.

My first teaching job was as an English teacher in Nome, Alaska, but after that brief foray into teaching, I returned to Pennsylvania and worked in journalism, writing and editing various publications (guidebooks and magazines) in Philadelphia and the Pittsburgh area. When we moved our family to New Jersey, I returned to teaching and taught high school English and journalism. When my husband retired and we moved to Virginia, I continued in education by substituting at the county high school until COVID put a stop to that.

That's when I discovered an online course for transcript proofreading. I quickly signed up. Given my background, I thought it would be a breeze. It was anything but! I quickly realized that my eye for editing and my ear for the fluid expression of thought were problems and not solutions in this market! But I am nothing if not a lifelong learner, and so I reined in my editor-self and concentrated on ways that punctuation can make sense of the sometime senseless ramblings of the spoken word! I love it!