STORYLEDGER

Continuity report

The Saltmarsh Books (example)

Nov 24, 2026. 9 chapters in 3 books, 35 facts checked.

9 possible slips. Both passages are quoted for each one.

1. A name spelled two ways

"Orin" in The Salt Road, ch. 2 looks like a typo for "Orrin", which the series uses 12 times.

FIRST THE SALT ROAD, CHAPTER 1: THE FORD, PARAGRAPH 5

"Captain Orrin Hask rode in at noon on a gray horse with salt on its legs."

THEN THE SALT ROAD, CHAPTER 2: SMOKE, PARAGRAPH 2

"Captain Orin Hask stood in the ash with his hat in his hand and said nothing for a long time."

2. A name spelled two ways

"Kestral" in The Drowned Bell, ch. 3 looks like a typo for "Kestrel", which the series uses 6 times.

FIRST THE SALT ROAD, CHAPTER 1: THE FORD, PARAGRAPH 2

"She stood at the edge of Kestrel Ford with her sister Maya and watched the water take the lower fence."

THEN THE DROWNED BELL, CHAPTER 3: KESTRAL, PARAGRAPH 1

"Mara came home to Kestral Ford in the rain."

3. Shows up after dying

Orrin Hask dies in The Salt Road, ch. 3, then is there in person in The Drowned Bell, ch. 2.

FIRST THE SALT ROAD, CHAPTER 3: THE BELL, PARAGRAPH 3

"Captain Orrin Hask was dead"

THEN THE DROWNED BELL, CHAPTER 2: THE CUSTOMS HOUSE, PARAGRAPH 2

"Captain Orrin Hask sat behind the desk with his boots up"

4. Eye color changes

Mara Vell's eyes are gray in The Salt Road, ch. 1, then green in The Drowned Bell, ch. 2.

FIRST THE SALT ROAD, CHAPTER 1: THE FORD, PARAGRAPH 2

"with gray eyes that her father said were the color of the river in March"

THEN THE DROWNED BELL, CHAPTER 2: THE CUSTOMS HOUSE, PARAGRAPH 3

"Mara's green eyes went to the window"

5. Age math doesn't add up

The Salt Road, ch. 1: Mara Vell is 16 in 1114, so born in 1097 or 1098. Harrowgate Burning, ch. 1: Mara Vell is 25 in 1119, so born in 1093 or 1094.

FIRST THE SALT ROAD, CHAPTER 1: THE FORD, PARAGRAPH 2

"Mara Vell was sixteen that spring, thin and quick"

THEN HARROWGATE BURNING, CHAPTER 1: THREE YEARS ON, PARAGRAPH 1

"Three years later Mara Vell was twenty-five"

6. An event's date changes

Going by The Salt Road, ch. 1, the great flood was in 1102. Going by Harrowgate Burning, ch. 1, it was in 1110.

FIRST THE SALT ROAD, CHAPTER 1: THE FORD, PARAGRAPH 1

"since the great flood of 1102"

THEN HARROWGATE BURNING, CHAPTER 1: THREE YEARS ON, PARAGRAPH 2

"The flood had come nine years ago"

7. Travel time changes

Harrowgate to Kestrel Ford by horse takes 2 days in The Salt Road, ch. 1, but 1 hour in Harrowgate Burning, ch. 1.

FIRST THE SALT ROAD, CHAPTER 1: THE FORD, PARAGRAPH 5

"Harrowgate was two days by horse from Kestrel Ford if the road was dry"

THEN HARROWGATE BURNING, CHAPTER 1: THREE YEARS ON, PARAGRAPH 3

"She rode from Harrowgate to Kestrel Ford in an hour on the new bay horse"

8. Events out of order

Harrowgate Burning, ch. 3 puts the siege of Harrowgate before the great flood. But the siege of Harrowgate was in 1108 and the great flood in 1102.

FIRST THE DROWNED BELL, CHAPTER 2: THE CUSTOMS HOUSE, PARAGRAPH 4

"the ashes of the siege of 1108, when half of Harrowgate burned"

THEN HARROWGATE BURNING, CHAPTER 3: THE SIEGE, PARAGRAPH 1

"The siege had come before the flood, the old women said"

9. Two different parents

The Salt Road, ch. 1 says Mara Vell's father is Edric Vell. Harrowgate Burning, ch. 3 says it's Tam Vell.

FIRST THE SALT ROAD, CHAPTER 1: THE FORD, PARAGRAPH 4

"said their father, Edric Vell"

THEN HARROWGATE BURNING, CHAPTER 3: THE SIEGE, PARAGRAPH 2

"Mara's father, Tam Vell, met her at the gate"

How this was checked

Claude read each chapter and listed the facts it states, each with a quote. Our code found every quote in your text, word for word. It threw out any it couldn't find. Then our code compared the facts across the series. It checks eye color and deaths. It does the math on ages and travel times. It checks dates and the order of events. It checks parents and how names are spelled.

A flag needs two quoted passages that clash. Lies and disguises don't count. Neither do dreams or flashbacks. Nothing you mark as on purpose is flagged again. We don't judge the writing. A short list doesn't mean the series has no slips.