

Writing Power

top pick anchor books

PRIMARY	INTERMEDIATE
<p>CONNECT: I Like Me! – Nancy Carlson My Dad (or My Mum) – Anthony Browne Sometimes I Feel Silly – Jamie Lee Curtis When I Was Little – Jamie Lee Curtis I’m Sorry – Sam McBratney A Difficult Day – Eugenie Fernandez</p> <p>VISUALIZE Tell Me a Dragon – Jackie Morris On My Walk – Carrie Winters My Garden – Kevin Henkes There’s the Sea – A Book of Colors – Audrey Wood Hello Goodbye Window – Norman Jester Gilberto and the Wind – The Snowy Day – Ezra Jack Keats Snow – Cynthia Rylant Listen to the Rain – Bill Martin Jr.</p> <p>QUESTION/INFER Why? – Richard Torrey Questions Questions – Pfeiter Little Black Crow – Chris Raschka Hug – Jez Alborough Little Green – Keith Baker</p> <p>TRANSFORM Rain Brings Frogs – Maryann Cocca-Leffler Pete the Cat – Eric Letwin If I Never Endeavour Forever – Holly Meade Willoughby and the Lion – Greg Foley How Full is Your Bucket? – Tom Rath Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon – Patty Lovell Eddie Long Pants – Miriele Levert Wherever You Are – Mem Fox My World, Your World – Melanie Walsh What Does Peace Feel Like? – Vladimir Radunsky The Recess Queen – Alexis O’Neill Marshall Armstrong is New To Our School – David Mackintosh</p>	<p>CONNECT: The Way I Feel – Janan Cain The Best Part of Me – Wendy Ewald Some Things are Scary – Florence Parry Heide One of Those Days – Amy Krouse Rosenthal My Father’s Hands – Joanne Ryder My Mother’s Voice – Joanne Ryder Matthew and Tilly – Rebecca C. Jones When I Was Young In the Mountains – Cynthia Rylant</p> <p>VISUALIZE: The Black Book of Color – Menena Cottin Hailstones and Halibut Bones – Mary O’Neil Jabberwocky – Lewis Carroll (Joel Stewart) I Know Here – Laurel Croza Imagine a Place – Sara L. Thomson Snow – Cynthia Rylant In November – Cynthia Rylant Hello Ocean – Pam Munroz Ryan All the Places to Love – Patricia McLaughlin</p> <p>QUESTION/INFER I Wonder Why? – Lois Rock The Philosopher’s Club – Christopher Philips (OP) Dude – Christopher Aslan Underground – Shane Evans Flotsam – David Weisner All the Small Poems – Valerie Worth Aesop’s Fables – various authors</p> <p>TRANSFORM The Skin You’re In – bel hooks The Boy Who Cried Fabulous – Leslea Newman Ordinary Mary’s Extraordinary Deed – Emily Pearson The Story of Ferdinand – Munro Leaf <i>My Secret Bully</i> – Trudy Ludwig <i>Bird Child</i> – Nan Forler Say Something – Peggy Moss Woolbur – Leslie Helakoski The Curious Garden – Peter Brown Learning to Fly – Sebastian Meschenmoser Emily’s Art – Peter Catalanotto The Dot – Peter H. Reynolds The Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Riley – Colin Thomson</p>

Books about Writing, Becoming a Writer, Story Elements, Writing Technique

The Plot Chickens – Mary Jane Auch ((I)

Max's Words – Kate Banks (P,I)

Perfect Man – Troy Wilson (I)

What Do Author's Do? – Eileen Christelow (P)

Aunt Isabel Tells A Good One – Kate Duke (P,I)

A BOOK – Mordecai Gernstein (I)

S is for Story – A Writer's Alphabet – Esther Hershenhorn (P,I)

A Story With Pictures – Barbara Kanninen (P)

Author : A True Story – Helen Lester (P,I)

Writing Magic: Creating Stories That Fly – Gail Carson Levine (I)

The Writer's Toolbox – Nancy Loewen (I)

Once Upon a Motorcycle Dude – Kevin O'Malley (I)

Once Upon a Royal Superbaby – Kevin O'Malley (I)

Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street – Roni Schotter (P)

Word After Word After Word – Patricia McLaughlin (P,I) (amazing read aloud novel about the power of writing)

Show, Don't Tell: The Secrets of Writing – Josephine Nobisso (I)

The Boy Who Loved Words – Roni Schotter (P,I)

If You Were a Writer – Joan Lowey Nixon (I)

The Best Story – Eileen Spinelli (P,I)

Chester's Masterpiece – Melanie Watt (P)

Similes:

Quick as A Cricket – Audrey Wood (P)

Marshall Armstrong is New to Our School – David Mackintosh (upper P, I)

My Dad – Anthony Browne (P) Also: My Mum, My Brother (same author)

My Dog is as Smelly as Dirty Socks – Hancock Piven (P,I)

My Best Friend is as Sharp as a Pencil – Hancock Piven (P,I)

Personification:

Calendar – Myra Cohn Livingston (P)

Red Sings From the Rooftops (I)

Recommended Professional Resources on Writing Instruction:

The Art of Teaching Writing – Lucy Calkins

The Six Traits of Writing – Ruth Cullham

Marvellous Mini Lessons for the Primary grades – Lori Jamison Rog

Marvellous Mini Lessons for the Intermediate grades – Lori Jamison Rog

The Write Genre – Lori Jamison Rog and Paul Kropp (Gr. 4-7)

Fiction Craft Lessons – Ralph Fletcher (K-7)

What's Next for This Beginning Writer? – Janine Reid and Jan Wells (K-1)

Writing Anchors – Janine Reid and Jan Wells (Gr. 3-7)

