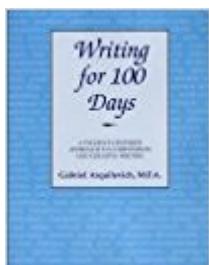


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I bought this book for my daughter, who is in 7th grade. She is homeschooled and loves to write. My son, who is in 6th grade (also a homeschooler), does NOT like to write. He actually likes this book! The daily lessons are well spaced and short, allowing the student to digest each section before continuing. The examples are fun and practical. This is a truly recommended product for kids who need to learn how to write, but think that writing is boring or tedious.

I used this course this year for a group of homeschooled highschoolers, and this is what I have noticed, now that we are finished this course of study: first, the confidence level of the group as a whole has increased pretty remarkably. I found my students were EAGER to share their writing with other kids, and there was a real sense of accomplishment in our class. Secondly, grammar and mechanics issues were able to be addressed in a very organic fashion throughout the year, within the writing process. Finally, many, not all, but many of the assignments are fun and quirky, appealing to the adolescent, making my job much easier. I paired this course with my own 5 paragraph essay instruction and the typical high school research paper project to make a very challenging and productive composition course.

This book is so valuable that we are using it again to brush up on writing strategies. The information is put in plain English and anyone can understand it. This is a must have for anyone who needs help with writing or just loves to write.

It is an awesome tool because they do it purposely wrong first. Two people do it together and they have fun

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