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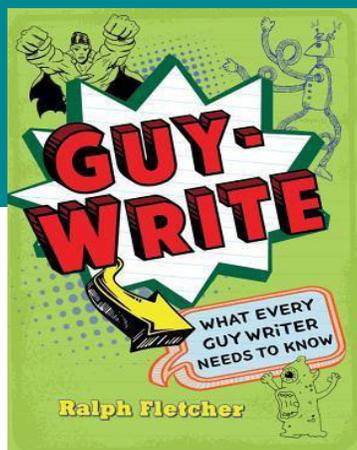
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Book Review

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With this book in hand, kids can not only read about their favorite topics, but they can write about them as well. This book teaches kids how they can write engaging stories that use humor, gross stuff, sports, superheroes, battles, scary stories, emotional writing, and more. The book focuses on using effective description to show what is happening to the characters, rather than simply telling the reader what is happening. This book also includes interviews with skilled writers of different genres. These authors offer valuable insight into effective writing techniques.

This book would be a great read for a child (or adult) interested in becoming a better writer. This book would also be useful for a teacher wanting to spice up their writing instruction. One weakness is that the intended audience seems to shuffle back and forth between kids and adults. However, the information and writing tips the book provides are interesting, valuable, and useful. If parents see these topics as inevitable outlets for their child's imagination, this book can be a great resource to improve writing. Some parents, on the other hand, may not want their child writing about these topics. This book teaches kids how to write violent and scary stories. The author provides examples from other writers to make his points. These examples, are, naturally, effective pieces of writing and could be scary for younger readers. He includes excerpts to teach kids how to write weapons into a story effectively, how to use blood in a story to add to the atmosphere, and how to write a scary story.

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Rating

Dependable

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