

BEST EVER WRITING MODELS

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INTRODUCTION

HOW TO USE THE BEST EVER WRITING MODELS

1. Decide on the form of writing you want to develop.
2. Find the model alphabetically in the book.
3. Read the model.
4. Answer the questions in the OBSERVE box.
5. If you can answer the questions without difficulty, proceed to the writing assignment that follows.
6. If you have difficulty with the questions, re-read the writing model.

Here are examples of many forms of writing selected from outstanding children's literature to serve as models for children's own writing.

ADVERTISEMENT

A notice placed in a publication (often a newspaper or magazine) to let others know of the availability of a product or service.

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Burglarproof Your House!

Just discovered in the jungles of Mysore! Get a cageful of Warty Indian Lizards. Release them in your living room before you go to bed. Then watch through a peephole as they attack an intruder. **Fierce Biters! Ravenous Claws!** They Attack in Packs! No Known Antidote! Will Not Harm Furniture or Rugs! Box 762

Elbow Softener

Do you have rough, unsightly elbows? Send today for a jar of Dr. Jude's patented

ELBOW SOFTENER

Box 2



This is Joe Muscle. Was that you I saw the other day sinking through the weeds behind McInerney's so Bully Tom wouldn't lick you?

HEY, BOYS!

You don't have to be afraid any more! I guarantee that IN ONE WEEK you'll be bullying Bully Tom. You'll have

the muscles of an

APE!

All round the neighborhood they'll call you TNT! and MEAN! They'll call you GRISTLE! and HAMMER-HAND! and BATTLESHIP! You'll be

* *
THE ALL-TIME HERO *
* *

Muscles on top of muscles on top of muscles on top of HEART!

HEY, BOYS!

Just fifteen minutes a day! They don't call me Joe Muscle for nothing.

Dear Joe:

Rush me _____ copies of your fabulous book: "Muscles by Muscle." Thanks.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Personal

Dear Joe Reese:

All is forgiven. Please come home. Your mother and I take back everything we ever said. Your favorite dinner is warming in the oven.

Signed, Your Daddy.
Warburton.

Fool your friends

Slap on one of our artificial scars. They'll all feel sorry, then you'll peel it off and laugh in their faces.

Box 15

INFESTED?

Want to Use Your Living Room Again?

If Warty Indian Lizards infest your living room and refuse to leave, even to go to the bathroom, buy a dozen of our Calcutta Vipers, arch-enemies of the Warty Lizards. Feed the vipers through the keyhole, then watch as they attack the noxious lizards.

STAND BACK!

The blood and fur will fly! We do not guarantee you won't be horrified. Widowed ladies should not apply. No money-back guarantee!

Box 762

Are You the Heir to \$1,000,000 And Don't Know It?

Fabulous inheritances lie unclaimed in banks all across the country. Where is Joe Reese? \$250,000, left him by an uncle, is lying fallow RIGHT NOW because

nobody can find him.

Send \$2.00 for a complete listing of names of lost heirs. You, too, can be rich and fancy, wear a fresh carnation in your buttonhole every day! (All names authenticated by National Association of Trust Officers)

Box 4

Battle of Waterloo

Complete, down-to-the-last-detail-authentic replica of the famous Battle of Waterloo: Napoleon on his horse, Marshall Ney, the Duke of Wellington, General Grant. 1000 cannons, 2000 hussars, 500 tanks, authentic battle flags.

!!!!!! Only \$1.50 !!!!!!!

Box X

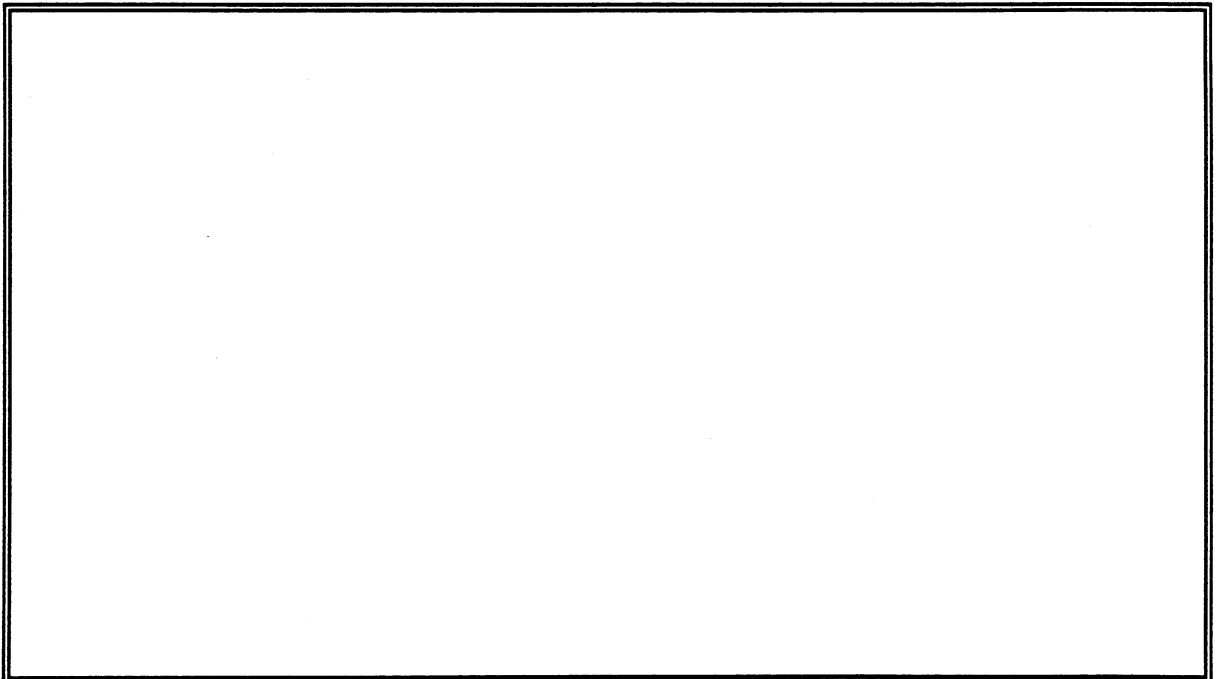
ADVERTISEMENT

OBSERVE:

1. Which of the advertisements are personal messages?
2. Which advertise a product? A service?
3. Which headings catch your eye? Why?
4. How does Thomas Rockwell, the author, add humor to the ads?
5. What is missing from the ads?

WRITE:

1. Decide on a personal message, a product or a service to advertise.
2. Decide to whom the ad will be directed.
3. Include elements of humor (exaggeration or absurdity).
4. Think of an interest-catching heading.
5. Write the ad. Illustrate if desired.



ADVICE

Advice generally includes words of wisdom or directions on how to accomplish a task from one who has expertise in that area.

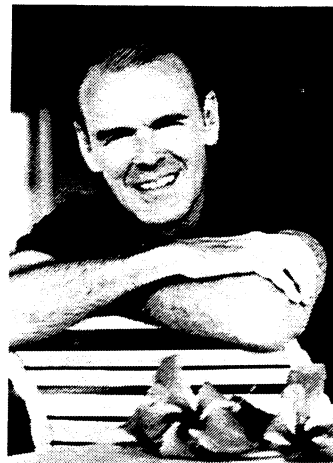
READ:

ADVICE FOR BEGINNING WRITERS

by Richard Peck

When young people ask me how they can start on the road to writing, I always tell them:

1. Learn five new words a day, and use them. Words are the bricks, and you need a larger supply than you have.
2. Learn grammar because without the framework for sharing, even the best ideas are nothing.
3. Write everything at least four times, including homework. I never get anything right in the first three tries either.
4. If you're hanging out with people who spell 'a lot' as one word and say 'you know' every other sentence, liberate yourself from them. You need a lot of quiet time if you're going to be a writer anyway.
5. And to ensure that quiet time, turn off the television. You already know how all the TV stories end anyway, and real stories are always more unexpected.



Richard Peck,
Author of:

The Ghost Belonged
To Me

Ghosts I Have Been
The Dreadful Future
Of Blossom Culp

Are You In The House
Alone?

Representing Super
Doll

Secrets Of The
Shopping Mall

Available in Australia
through Penguin.

OBSERVE: Richard Peck shares five things one must do to become a writer.

- Are they listed in the order of importance?
- Is each item equal in importance?
- Could other items be added?