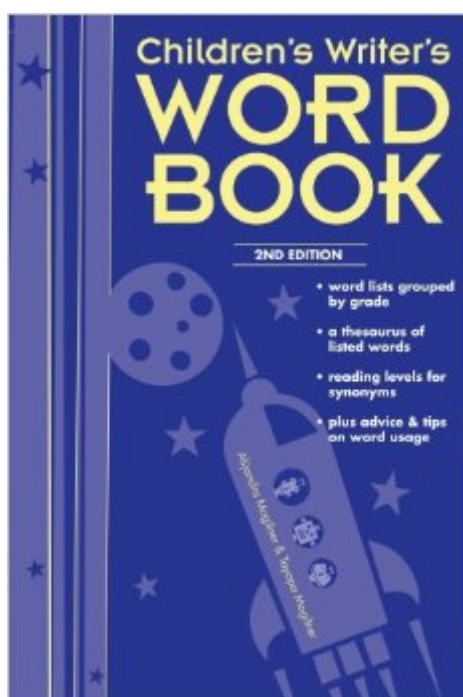


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# Children's Writer's Word Book



## Synopsis

In this revised and expanded 2nd edition, Children's Writer's Word Book helps you immediately determine if you're using the right vocabulary and language for your audience. With its intuitive organization, you'll easily find appropriate words for children of various ages, and discover substitute words that might work even better. This comprehensive resource keeps you in touch with reading levels for today's kids, and saves you valuable research time by putting all the information you need in one volume. You'll find:

- Lists of specific words that are introduced at seven key reading levels (kindergarten through sixth grade)
- A thesaurus of those words with synonyms, annotated with reading levels
- Detailed guidelines for sentence length, word usage, and themes at each reading level
- A thorough explanation of guidelines for national standards on reading

This new edition also addresses important timely topics of the day, such as disability issues and sensitivity to race, religion, and culture. Other new additions relate to divorce, the concept of death, space exploration, the internet, fantasy and science fiction, ethnic and cultural pride, and much more. With Children's Writer's Word Book, 2nd edition, you can rest assured you'll be able to address your young audience with a vocabulary and style they'll understand and enjoy; and improve your chances with children's publishers.

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## Customer Reviews

The Children's Writer's Word Book is one of those little references you wouldn't necessarily think you

needed in your collection. However, once I opened this book, I knew I needed to place it in a very prized position on my reference shelf. Not only are the graded word lists extremely helpful, but the short profile of each age group combined with the description of what publishers are looking for at each reading level makes for a powerful advantage when writing for children. This book is a must-have if you are writing for children.

The beginning of this book is broken down into chapters from Kindergarten to Sixth grade and gives sample words to use at each level. But the bulk of this book (and most useful part) is a Thesaurus of sorts. It gives word choices for each grade level for each word in the Thesaurus. Overall a good book to get a general idea of the words to use with each grade level.

More than just a list of words and grades, this book actually tells you what publishers are looking for and why. It also gives examples of writing, explains how to introduce new words and foreign words and different types of children's writing. I have used this book a great deal with good results.

For those who haven't had the opportunity to browse Alijandra Mogilner's book *Children's Writer's Word Book*, I hope you will take time to do so. It is an excellent reference tool. I am taking a series of online writing courses through a local college, and this title is on the recommended reading list for the Writing for Children class. I was so favorably impressed with the copy I checked out at our local library, I ordered my own copy that same weekend. I can tell it will become a dog-eared favorite. It is a dictionary/thesaurus extraordinaire. Take the word "eat," for example. The book lets you know that a first-grade student would understand the synonyms bite, chew, dine and feast but that I'd need to wait until my readers hit fourth grade to use words such as consume, crunch and nibble. Another aspect of the book I found to be very useful is the introduction that appears at the beginning of each graded word list. These pages summarize what social changes readers are undergoing at each grade level as well as what vocabulary and other subjects they're learning in the classroom. It also covers what publishers are looking for as well as a short writing sample to clearly illustrate pertinent points. This is one of the best reference guides I ever have used.

I use this book to write stories for my young children and it is very helpful. My only constructive criticism is that there are two levels for most words -- the level at which the child understands the word and the level at which he/she can read the word. For very young children, those two levels may be separated by two or more years. Therefore, it would be useful if both levels (comprehension

and reading) were included.

This book is essential for anyone who is writing for children. As a writer of online web content for kids, I need to specifically target certain grade levels. Both Mogilner's word lists and commentary let me do that with confidence. The book is well organized and was instantly useful.

This is one of the few books I use almost every day. I write books for the educational market and this is a standard reference. The organization is clean and direct. The listings are accurate and complete. My job would be much more difficult without this volume. Highly recommended for children's writers. Teachers who write their own worksheets will also find it very useful.

This book is a must for any and all children's authors. It is full of much needed and helpful information. I especially like the Thesaurus. Example: Scamper (4th) (meaning forth grade level word): dart (1st), move quickly (2nd), run (K), rush (2nd), sprint (5th) So not only do you get the meaning and comparable words, but also the grade level for each. It makes writing for the correct reading level so much easier. As a new writer I have found it to be invaluable.

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