

WRITING PICTURE BOOKS
by Kathy Stinson (Pembroke
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Join the club. After reading and sharing many picture books with children we've all thought that we could write one. You only need to try to realize how difficult this is.

Stinson, one of Canada's first picture book writers, has combined her expertise and experience to give beginning or advanced writers some excellent information.

The book, including a bibliography, is only 63 pages so is inviting to pick up and read. But don't be fooled by the shortness. There is so much information that you will need to read and reread it to glean the knowledge that is required to write a picture book.

Stinson also gives some tips for all writers about the actual writing. There are chapters on beginnings, middle and end, handling elements of fantasy, mystery, humor, history and fairy tales, dealing with publishers and language and style.