

# Resources for “Writing for the Children’s Market”

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SCBWI: Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators

*SCBWI’s The Book: The Essential Guide to Publishing for Children 2021*

*Children’s Writer’s & Illustrator’s Market 2020: The Most Trusted Guide to Getting Published (2020)*

*Writer’s Market 2020: The Most Trusted Guide to Getting Published (2020)*

*Christian Writers Market Guide - 2021 Edition: Your Comprehensive Resource For Getting Published*

*Editing Secrets of Best-Selling Authors* by Kathy Ide

Story Spinner [www.storyspinner.com](http://www.storyspinner.com) (Look under Writing. It takes a moment for the picture to appear.)

*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change* by Stephen Covey

### Grade Levels

Amazon shows Reading age and Grades levels.

Please Google for how to add the grade level in Word. There is a check box that needs to be checked to turn this feature on in Word.

ProWritingAid provides the grade level in the Summary.

### Found Poetry

Step 1: Generate a word and phrase list

Step 2: Maintain sequencing

Step 3: Make choices: Cut the list in half. Listen for dull words, unnecessary words, the sounds of words by sounding out each word or phrase, bad and unpleasant sounding words, or anything that doesn’t work – out of place or somehow distracts

Step 4: Punctuation: If necessary change it; make modifications in the tenses, possessives, plurals, punctuation, and capitalization, add words

Step 5: Name the Poem. Consider emphasis; line spacing—Space words so they are poem-like:

space out words so they are alone

or runtogether

key

words

on lines by themselves

Step 6: The Notebook

Sign and date each piece, save all fragments, combine some poems with other poems.

(Source: “Found and Headline Poems,” *Getting the Knack: 20 Poetry Writing Exercises*. Also see [www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org))