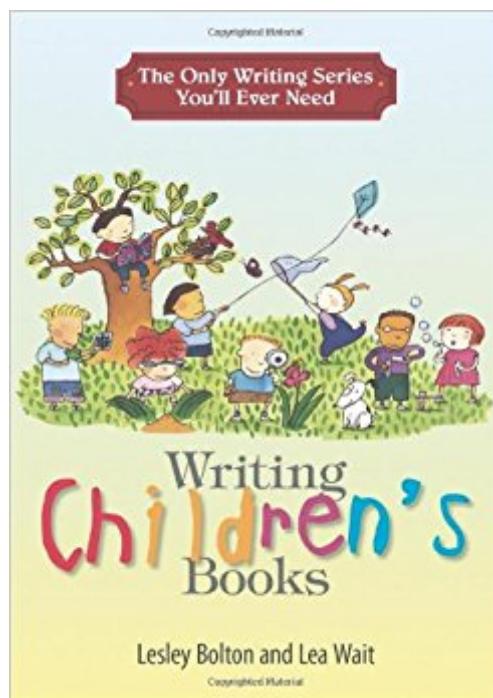


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I found this book to be very informative. Granted, I am new to the field, but information was given in a manner that was not intimidating or overwhelming. Subjects were broken down into easily digested parts. I would say this is a very good book to introduce one to the industry in a friendly and helpful way.

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