

Resources for Children's Writers

Printed Material

The resources below will provide step-by-step guidance regarding both the craft and business of children's book publishing:

SCBWI Publications

Visit www.scbwi.org/pubs to browse the listing of publications for members. You can print these or order hard copies from the SCBWI in Los Angeles.

Book Markets for Children's Writers 2009 (Writer's Institute Publications), ed. by Marni McNiff

Children's Writer's and Illustrator's Market 2009 (Writers Digest), by Alice Pope

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Publishing Children's Books, (Alpha 2004, 2nd. Ed), by Harold D. Underdown

Internet Resources

The sites listed below provide new and experienced children's authors with a vast amount of useful information. Some focus on craft, others on marketing, still others on both. Many recommend helpful books, as well as providing links to other sites in the field of children's literature and publishing. Some provide interviews of editors and agents. Set an afternoon aside to browse and put some or all on your "favorites" list:

www.publishersweekly.com

("Children's Bookshelf" includes industry and market news, editor moves, and book reviews.)

www.underdown.org

("Who's Moving Where" tracks editor moves.)

www.JanetLawler.com

("Start Writing for Kids". Advice and links for beginners.)

www.dorichaonas.com

(Great hints for picture book writers)

www.smartwriters.com

("Writing for Children" Great how-to's, writing contests.)

www.cythialeitichsmith.com

(Many editor interviews)

www.cwim.blogspot.com

(Marketing and blog links)

www.robinfriedman.com

("Interviews" of 20+ editors)

www.write4kids.com

(A must visit. Free e-zine. Check out Message Board)

www.f1rstpages.com

(Not familiar with critique service, but "Picture Book List" has helpful hints and recommended reading.)