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Welcome to the 2010/2011 school year!  
We look forward to many hours of  
great reading & discovering God's wisdom!

God has continued to grow and bless our family this past year. Paul and Tarin welcomed a new son, Grayson, into the family. Paul continues to manage the Progeny Press office, Nathan manages our art and design, and Mary manages our website and also contributes her artistic talents. Our other four children continue to grow and expand in their studies.

### **New format for our study guides!**

This year we completed a two-year product makeover that makes Progeny Press study guides easier to use and better to look at. All study guides grades 4–12 are now available in interactive .pdf files, allowing your children and students to type their answers directly into the computer file and save a copy. No more paper, no more extra cost. Multiple students can have their own copy of the study guide file, just as they can have their own paper copy. Some teachers are copying students' files onto flash drives and have them turn in their flash drives for grading. The study guides can still be printed from the .pdf files just as before; and no changes have been made to the content.

You also may notice that all our study guide covers are in full color, making them much more attractive and easier to find on your shelves.

We continue to have our study guides available via e-mail, on CDs, in booklets, *and* in CD and booklet sets for those of you who want a booklet for your reference and the flexibility of printing from a CD for your children and students.

**New study guides!** We have four new study guides available for fall: for middle grades, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader Study Guide* (grades 5–7) and *Treasure Island Study Guide* (grades 7–10), and for high school, *Pride and Prejudice Study Guide*, and *The Scarlet Pimpernel Study Guide*. As always, we have several study guides in the works, so check our website often for new titles.

We pray that God blesses the education of all our children and that they learn and grow to make a godly difference in our world. May God fill your life with grace and joy.

Michael and Rebecca Gilleland

**The Mission of Progeny Press:** At Progeny Press we are committed to teaching good cultural literature, examined from a Christian perspective. We believe in the equation “Biblical Truth + Cultural Relevancy = Effective Christians.” Take away biblical truth and Christians become no more than a religious subculture—salt without saltiness. Take away cultural relevancy and Christians become isolationists with no impact on the world—lights hidden under bushels. We believe in looking at the world clearly and openly with the Bible firmly in hand.

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We also do not believe in busy-work—all of our questions are designed to lead the students to better understanding. We have some vocabulary questions to help students understand what they are reading, but we do not fill our study guides with vocabulary and spelling exercises. Our focus is on teaching students to analyze and comprehend what they read and to understand the connections to scripture.

Titles are listed in alphabetical order within each grade level category.



## Lower Elementary



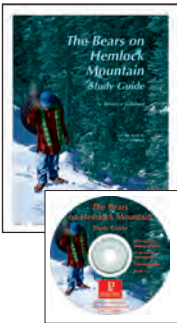
### **Prereader Study Guide: Oscar Otter and Henry & Mudge in Puddle Trouble, by Rebecca Gilleland**

A study guide for beginning readers and children who can't read yet! Two stories are covered in one study guide: Oscar Otter is tired of other animals getting in his way when he plays, so he decides to build his own slide. But he ignores some important advice from his father and almost gets eaten! Henry and Mudge, everyone's favorite boy and dog duo, learn that friends are more important than things and that they must let Henry's dad know what they're doing. This study guide is written for the teacher and parent, with science and craft extensions and coloring and activity handouts for the child.

*Grade level:* K-1

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- Book (Henry & Mudge) .#116B2 . . \$3.99



### **The Bears on Hemlock Mountain Study Guide, by Rebecca Gilleland**

For the book by Alice Dalgliesh.

*Story Summary:* When Jonathan goes to his aunt's house to get a large iron pot for his mother, he spends some time visiting and relaxing. Too much time! When he awakens, he must return over Hemlock Mountain at night . . . the mountain that people *say* has no bears. Jonathan learns a hair-raising lesson in being responsible for your own actions.

*Grade level:* 1-3, Chapter Book

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Dr. L.L.



### **The Courage of Sarah Noble Study Guide, by Rebecca Gilleland**

For the book by Alice Dalgliesh.

*Story Summary:* In the year 1707, eight-year-old Sarah accompanies her father into the wilderness to cook for him while he builds a house for their family. The dark, the wild animals, and the Indians all make it difficult to be brave. She must remind herself of her mother's words as she holds her red cloak close: "Keep up your courage, Sarah Noble." Based on a true story.

*Grade level:* 1-3, Chapter Book

*Setting:* Connecticut, 1707

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For the book by Rebecca Gilleland.

*Story Summary:* Upon walking into a hidden hall of doors in their barn on a rainy day, Kennan and Beth are propelled into adventure beyond their expectations.

They choose a door and find themselves on a windswept mountain summit with a dragon flying all too nearby. As they travel across this land following the clues they've been given, they encounter a lost pony, talking crows, elves, and the spiders of Mirkwood.

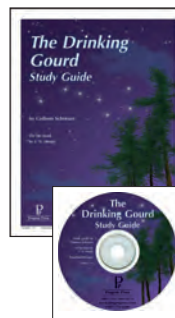
Realizing they are in a story from a book, they must follow the clues to the end to return home, having learned a special lesson in courage along the way. This courage will help them to serve "The King they already know." The first in the *Hall of Doors* series.

*Grade level:* 2-4, Chapter Book

*Setting:* Imaginative

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For the book by F.N. Monjo.

*Story Summary:* When Tommy Fuller discovers a family of runaway slaves hidden in the barn, he learns that his father is part of the underground railroad helping slaves escape to freedom in Canada. He also learns what that freedom is worth as he protects them from discovery and waits to see if his father will come home safely.

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*Setting:* Southeastern U.S., 1851

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**Frog and Toad Together Study Guide, by Leslie Clark**

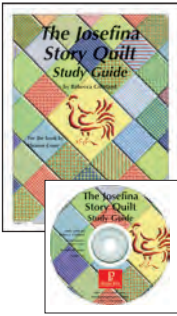
For the book by Arnold Lobel.

*Story Summary:* Frog and Toad are best friends who love to be together! They help one another, they share, eat cookies together, and feel very brave together. Frog's and Toad's comical choices and actions will keep children laughing, learning, and asking for "one more chapter."

*Grade level:* K–2, Chapter Book

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**The Josefina Story Quilt Study Guide, by Rebecca Gilleland**

For the book by Eleanor Coerr.

*Story Summary:* Faith and her family are headed for California, and her pet hen, Josefina, comes along. Too tough to eat and too old to lay eggs, she surprises everyone when she lays eggs and becomes their watchdog. Faith carefully records each happening in a quilt block for remembering. When they reach California, the quilt is finished, and Faith will never forget her Josefina.

*Grade level:* 1–3, Chapter Book

*Setting:* Western U.S., 1850

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For the book by Peter and Connie Roop.

*Story Summary:* Abbie's father, the lighthouse keeper, must go for supplies, medicine, and oil. As he leaves, he asks for Abbie's promise to keep the lights burning. She gives her word and watches him row away, not knowing that a storm will soon isolate the lighthouse for four weeks. She learns what a promise means as she tends the lights nightly, cares for her sick mother, her sisters, and her chickens, and watches anxiously for the storm to end. Based on a true story.

*Grade level:* K–2

*Setting:* Maine, 1856

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For the book by Joan Sandin.

*Story Summary:* In 1868, Sweden is devastated by drought and Carl Erik's family is starving. When a letter from their uncle in America arrives, they decide to sell the farm and go to America to make a new life. The packing, the goodbyes, and the trip itself are difficult; yet the children eagerly wonder when they might get wheat bread with butter in America.

*Grade level:* 1–3, Chapter Book

*Setting:* Sweden, 1868

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*Story Summary:* America is full of surprises. The streets are not paved with gold! In this sequel to *The Long Way to a New Land*, Carl Erik and his family travel west on train after train to LaCrosse, Wisconsin. From there, they travel by steamboat to Anoka, Minnesota, where their uncle lives and Papa has work. All the travel, the dangers, the crowds, and the cold are forgotten the moment they arrive. They're finally home!

*Grade level:* 1–3, Chapter Book

*Setting:* Travelling across U.S., 1868

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**The Minstrel in the Tower Study Guide, by Rebecca Gilleland**

For the book by Gloria Skurzynski.

*Story Summary:* When Roger's and Alice's mother falls dangerously ill, she sends them on a quest to find an uncle they never knew they had. Things become complicated as they are captured by outlaws, and their lute—their only proof of their identity for their uncle—is stolen. Can they escape from the tower, recover the lute, and convince their uncle who they are in time to save their mother?

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*Setting:* France, 1195

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**Miss Rumphius Study Guide,  
by Rebecca Gilleland**

For the book by Barbara Cooney.

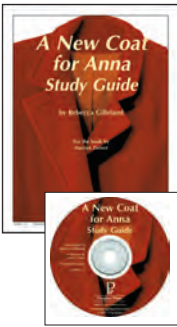
*Story Summary:* Young Alice Rumphius decides that she will travel the world, visit faraway lands, and then come home to live by the sea. Her grandfather tells her that she must also “do something to make the world more beautiful.” As an adult, Alice does travel the world and settle in a house by the sea, but she does not know how she can make the world more beautiful. Then an unexpected discovery gives her a wonderful idea.

*Grade Level:* 1–3

*Setting:* Maine, approx. 1900

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*Story Summary:* World War II has ended, but life is far from easy. Showing resourcefulness, patience, and sacrifice, Anna and her mother work to provide Anna with a new coat for the coming winter. Anna and her mother learn much about what it takes to make a coat and they make many friends along the way.

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*Setting:* Europe, 1940s

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*Story Summary:* The 1980 Caldecott Medal winner. This simple, rhythmic story traces a year in the life of a New England farm family in the 1800s. The values of hard work, patience, family, and contentment are woven throughout the story.

*Grade level:* 1–3

*Setting:* New Hampshire, 1832

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*Setting:* Massachusetts, 1775

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*Grade level:* K–3

*Setting:* American South, mid-1900s

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**Wagon Wheels Study Guide,  
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For the book by Barbara Brenner.  
*Story Summary:* Johnny, age 11, his two little brothers, and his father are an African-American pioneer family who have traveled far to get free land in the west. Living in a sod dugout in Nicodemus, Kansas, they face a harsh winter, starvation, and cold. In the spring their father travels on to find land and the boys stay alone. When their father sends for them, they summon their courage and travel alone for 150 miles to find him. Their courage and their faith in their father carry them home.

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*Setting:* Kansas, 1878
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For the novel by Barbara Robinson.  
*Novel Summary:* The annual Christmas pageant was safe and routine until the Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, land all the main parts. What happens when kids who have never heard the story of Christmas interpret it for their new church?

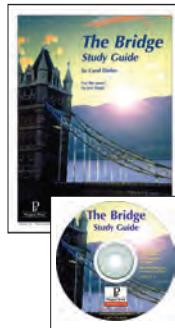
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*Setting:* Contemporary
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*Novel Summary:* The Child Study Association’s Children’s Book Award choice, written by the Nobel prize winning author, Pearl S. Buck. The lives of two young Japanese boys are changed forever when a tsunami crashes against their island and takes Jiya’s entire family. As Jiya struggles with his loss, with the help of his friend Kino he learns that life is stronger than death, and as his heart heals he finds he is ready to live again.

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*Setting:* 19th century Japan
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For the novel by Jeri Massi.

*Novel Summary:* The first book in the Bracken trilogy. Princess Rosalynn and the soldier Herron must discover the secret of the bridge to save the kingdom of Bracken from invasion. In the process, a wise woman guides her to greater understanding of herself and others.

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*Setting:* Medieval
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For the novel by E.B. White.

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- Grade level:* 4–6
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**The Cricket in Times Square Study Guide,  
by Andrew Clausen**

For the novel by George Selden.

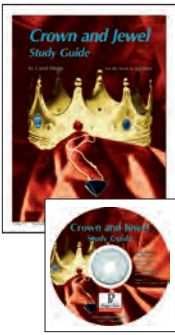
*Novel Summary:* Chester Cricket from Connecticut is accidentally transported to New York in a picnic basket. Alone and afraid in a strange city, Chester is befriended by Harry and Tucker, a cat and mouse, who help him adjust to city life and discover his amazing musical talent that brings success to a failing subway station newsstand.

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*Setting:* New York, 1940s
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For the novel by Marguerite de Angeli.

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*Grade level:* 4–6  
*Setting:* England, 1300s

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**Farmer Boy Study Guide,  
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For the novel by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

*Novel Summary:* Throughout the year Almanzo works the farm with his family, enjoying the labor as much as the leisure times, and learning the hard lessons (and rewards) of patience, honesty, loyalty, and prudence. Based on a true story.

*Grade level:* 4–6  
*Setting:* New England, 1860s

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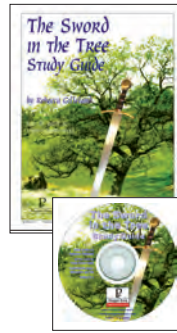
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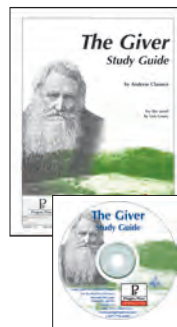


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*Grade level:* 5–7

*Setting:* Contemporary England, imaginative

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*Grade level:* 4–7

*Setting:* Imaginative

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*Grade level:* 5–7

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For the novel by Brian Jacques.

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*Grade level:* 5–9

*Setting:* Imaginative, medieval

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*Grade level:* 6–8

*Setting:* Mississippi, 1933

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*Setting:* England, 1800s

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*Setting:* W. Virginia, present

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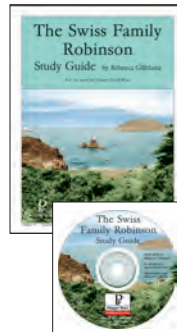
*Novel Summary:* Twelve-year-old Matt is left alone in the Maine wilderness to take care of the cabin until his father can return with the rest of the family. But after a series of mishaps leaves Matt injured and without food, Matt must depend on a tribe of neighboring Indians for help. Matt discovers the problems of communicating with, depending upon, and understanding people from a different culture.

*Grade level:* 5–7

*Setting:* Maine, 1763

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*Grade level:* 7–9

*Setting:* Uncharted island, 1800s

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*Grade Level:* 7–10

*Setting:* England, 18th–19th Century

*Category:* British Literature

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*Grade Level:* 6–8

*Setting:* Rural New York, 1880

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*Setting:* Imaginative

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*Grade level:* 5–7

*Setting:* Connecticut, 1687

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*Grade level:* 5–8

*Setting:* Imaginative

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*Grade level:* 8–12

*Setting:* Yukon Gold Rush, Alaska, Canada, 1800s

*Category:* American Literature

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*Setting:* Mid-America, 1840s

*Category:* American Literature

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*Grade level:* 8–12

*Setting:* London, 1800s

*Category:* British Literature

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*Category:* American Literature

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And when an old woman refuses to leave her books and dies in the flames, he wonders, what in her books inspires such passion? He determines to discover it for himself, though his rebellion, and his confusion, may cost him his life.

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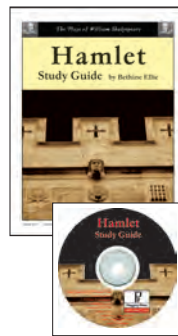
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*Setting:* New England, 1920s

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*Grade level:* 9–12

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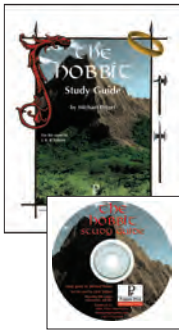
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*Setting:* Imaginative

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*Setting:* England, 1800s

*Category:* British Literature

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*Setting:* Rome

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*Grade level:* 9–12

*Setting:* Eastern North America, 1757

*Category:* Historical, American Literature

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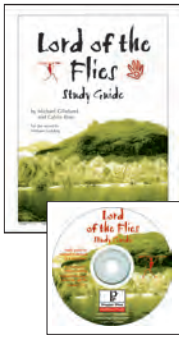
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For the novel by William Golding.

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*Grade level:* 11–12

*Setting:* 1950s-type era, jungle island

*Category:* British Literature

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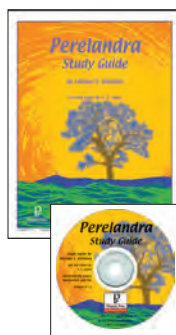
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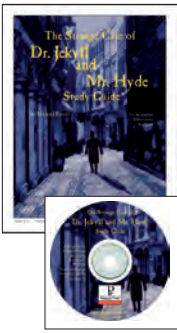
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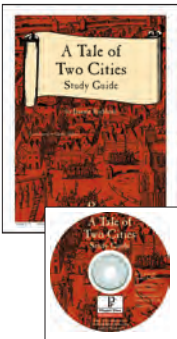
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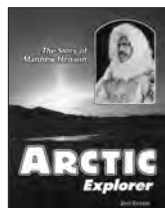
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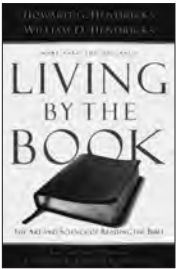
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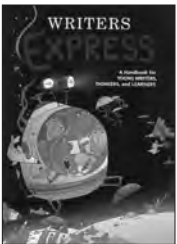
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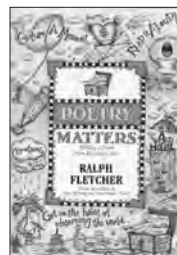
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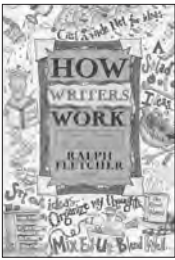
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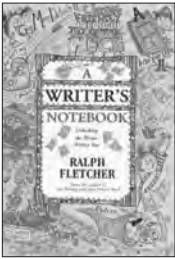


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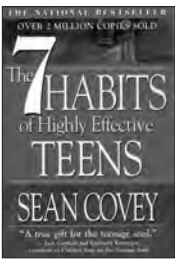


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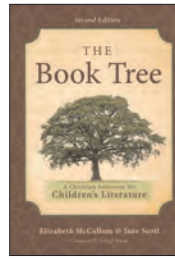
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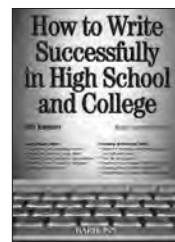
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