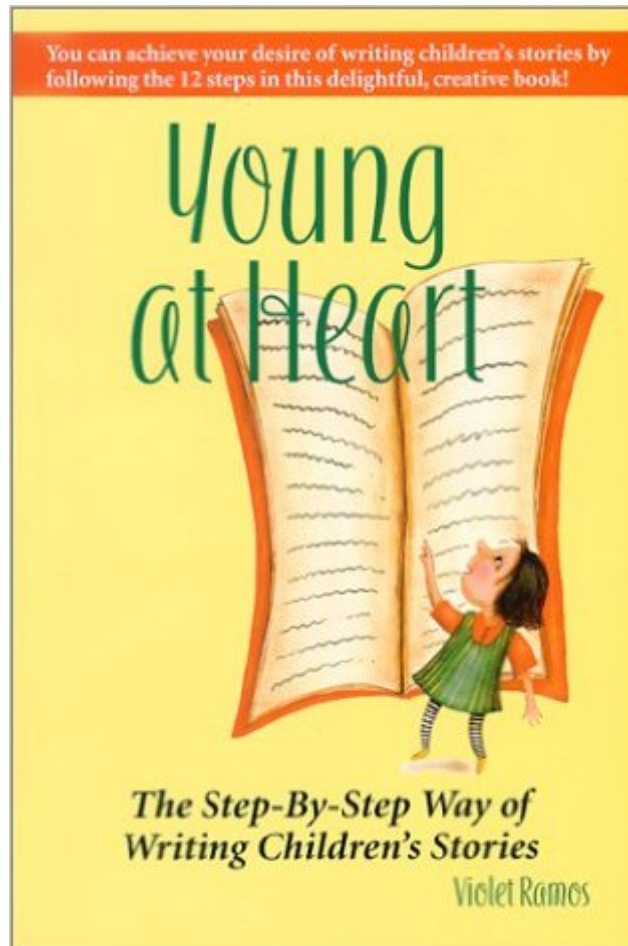


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# Young At Heart, The Step-By-Step Way Of Writing Children's Stories



## Synopsis

The book is a simple step-by-step guide that leads the reader through the steps necessary to successfully write children's stories. Each step motivates creativity allowing the reader's unique style of writing to surface. The 12 steps in the book apply to all fictional writing. The book has examples, exercises, and worksheets that help the reader to create their own story. It also takes the reader through picture book layout and gives an exercise for writers block. The book is a very useful and practical writing book. Recommended as a Writer's Reference Book by the Institute of Children's Literature and Grumpy's Global Marketing for Books.

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