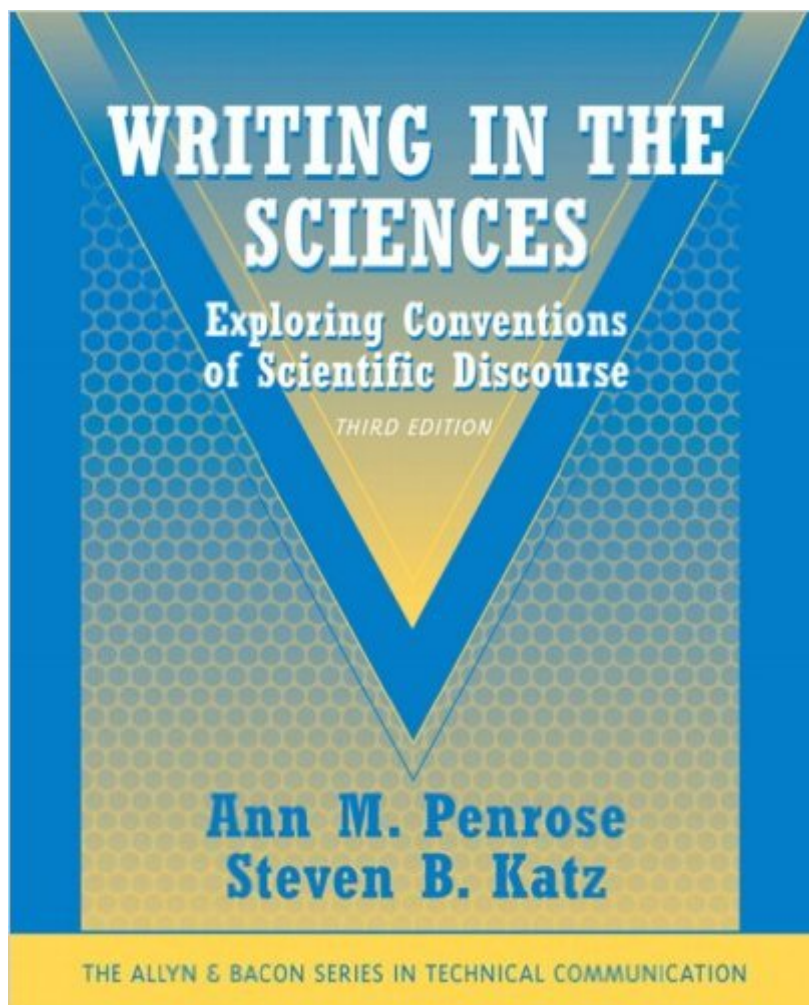


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# **Writing In The Sciences: Exploring Conventions Of Scientific Discourse (Part Of The Allyn & Bacon Series In Technical Communication) (3rd Edition)**



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A rhetorical, multi-disciplinary guide, *Writing in the Sciences* discusses the major genres of science writing including research reports, grant proposals, conference presentations, and a variety of forms of public communication. Multiple samples from real research cases illustrate a range of scientific disciplines and audiences for scientific research along with the corresponding differences in focus, arrangement, style, and other rhetorical dimensions. Comparisons among disciplines provide the opportunity for students to identify common conventions in science and investigate variation across fields.

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I don't usually write reviews on , but I saw that this book was under-reviewed so I thought I'd chime in and say that I use it with classes of both native English speaker and non-native speaker STEM graduate students (and use selections with mixed-major undergraduate students too), and it works great as a textbook. The authors make a real effort (not only in the initial chapters but throughout the book) to connect contemporary thoughts on scientific writing and sociology of science to concrete examples (which conveniently are reproduced as the latter third of the book). Having a single resource with sequenced sample articles (well referenced by the text), well articulated walk-throughs of the major research genres, and thoughtful reflections throughout makes for self-contained reading assignments and class references. The tone of the text is conversational and accessible without trivializing or deintellectualizing the topic (as so many handbook style science writing texts/references do). My graduates and undergraduates find it easy to read and even, I think,

stimulating. And they seem to thoroughly get the relevance of concepts like community, expectation, ethos, and genre--concepts often foreign to students who come into a class thinking of writing as purely functional, purely author-based, right/wrong, ends/means, etc. The book's a great complement to the Allyn and Bacon series (though I have to say, the paper quality was better when it was with whoever published the first edition :)

This textbook was required for a science communication class at N.C. State University. I feel I definitely learned a lot about the genre of science writing (everything from how to read research reports to how to write proposals and presentations), but as a mathematics student, I felt none of the examples (in fact, none of it at all) really applied to the kind of writing that mathematicians do. This is by no means trivial information, but I feel it's much more applicable for my second major in political science (and the research I'm conducting on gay candidates in U.S. elections) than to my math degree, which is what this course was required for. I suppose that just goes to show, if you plan to do research in the sciences--even the social sciences--you stand to learn a lot from this book. Unless you're a mathematician.

I wouldn't just buy this book for the heck of it, but it's not a horrible book. For the most part, it's easy to read and comprehend. A few of the case studies are very jargon specific to that field of study which can make it hard to understand. I found myself using google search a lot while reading the case studies.

This book is good if you're quite the beginner. Not very helpful if you've been around the block. It's cheaper to do a google search and read a few REAL scientific papers BUT the articles in here are informative and interesting. If you like rules and need a lot of guidance before writing, it's a great choice.

This book was helpful for my MA in Technical Communication. This was a required read. There were a lot of useful updated examples in the book.

This book has changed my reading and writing forever. I'm not giving it up to anyone because I plan to use it for the rest of my life

Well organized. Has a lot of references in the back of book that allow an example of almost

everything that is covered in the text.

I'm sorry, but when the book is about 60 dollars, one would expect the pages to not be "workbook" paper.

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