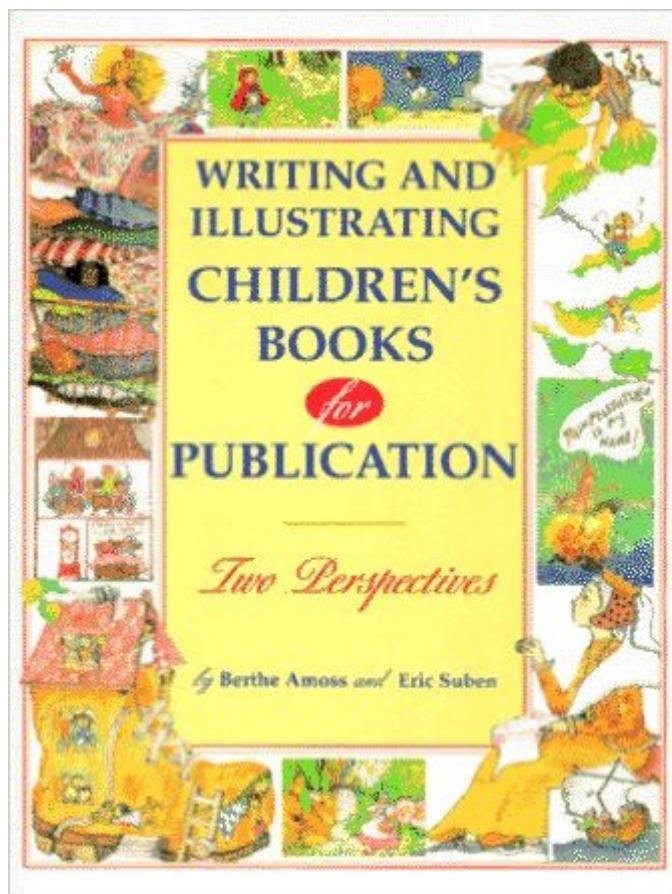


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What little information there was about illustrating books was too basic and there was no index. Also, it included many illustrations from old children's books without identifying the illustrator or the book they were from. More than likely the copyright had expired on these images yet this practice irked me for two reasons-first, this shows a lack of respect, for not only those neglected illustrators but for all illustrators, and second, an aspiring illustrator may have been moved to investigate and study an illustrator that they liked had the name been listed. Bad form for a book whose intent is to teach. If you really want to learn about illustrating picturebooks, check out *Writing With Pictures* by Uri Schulevitz.

This book went into more great detail on the process as a whole, and probably included more information on illustrations than I've previously seen in other books I've read on children's writing. It covered a discussion on the color wheel, symmetrical and asymmetrical pictures, the use of scale and more. In addition to personal stories of the topics discussed, the authors included exercises to strengthen your writing/book and a reading list to learn more.

This book is filled with page after page of helpful hints on creating your own Children's book. Not only that, it's filled with useful exercises to stimulate your creative juices. Highly recommended!

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