

## A Short List of Resources for Writing Picture Books

### Books

*The Nuts and Bolts Guide to Writing Picture Books: Tools and Tips for Writing, Polishing and Selling Your Manuscript* by Linda Ashman (former picture book Lighthouse instructor). (PDF and EPub)  
<http://www.lindaashman.com/newsletter.htm?newsletter=>

*How to Write a Children's Picture Book Volume I: Structure* by Eve Heidi Bine-Stock

*How to Write a Children's Picture Book Volume II: Word, Sentence, Scene, Story* by Eve Heidi Bine-Stock

*How to Write a Children's Picture Book Volume III: Figures of Speech* by Eve Heidi Bine-Stock

*Writing Picture Books* by Ann Whitford Paul

### Online Events/Resources

12x12 Picture Book Challenge.

<http://12x12challenge.com>

You write twelve stories in a year - one a month! There are different membership tiers with different fees, but you can get access to wonderful writers, editors and agents and also have deadlines to keep you writing.

If you want to start a little smaller...

Picture Book Idea Month (PiBoIDMo)

<https://taralazar.com/piboidmo/>

This is a take off on NaNaWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) and, until this year, was held in November, the same month as NaNoWriMo. This year it is moving to January - great start to a new year of writing! Founded by author Tara Lazar. Just coming up with a picture book idea every day. I did it one year and it was harder than I thought it would be J.

Read for Research Month (ReFoReMo)

<http://www.carriecharleybrown.com/reforemo>

Explore picture book texts and learn from them. Founded by writer, consultant and all-around great person, Carrie Charley Brown.

Accelerated Reader BookFinder

<http://www.arbookfind.com>

Check the word count of published books. Note that more recently published books take time to appear and some may not appear at all.

## Newsletters

*Children's Book Insider*. Monthly newsletter containing market news (which publishers/agents are looking for what material), how-to, articles, and more resources through their online clubhouse. [www.write4kids.com](http://www.write4kids.com).

*Denise's Blab-o-Tips!* Sign up to receive tips on writing picture books (as well as middle grade and young adult novels.) Receive a free gift for signing up: "Push Your Story: 10 Tips from Editors and Agents." <http://eepurl.com/c9JELb>

## Organizations & Websites

**Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI)**. The largest organization for both pre-published and published authors and illustrators. Members receive newsletters, informational publications, and reduced rates to events. Some introductory resources available to non-members. <http://www.scbwi.org>

**Rocky Mountain Chapter-SCBWI**. The regional chapter for SCBWI, serving Colorado and Wyoming. Membership to SCBWI automatically gives you membership to the Rocky Mountain Chapter. Local conferences and workshops, email updates, critique groups, and more. <http://rmc.scbwi.org/>

### **WriteforKids**

The website of *Children's Book Insider* has loads of information, articles, and a few free downloads for children's writers. Subscribers /members have access to tons of content! <http://www.writeforkids.org>

## Denise's Courses and Services

I teach a variety of classes throughout the year as well as offering one-on-one consultations and manuscript critiques. Subscribing to my Blab-o-Denise newsletter is a good way to hear about them.

Courses <https://www.denisevega.com/writing-classes/classes-and-workshops/>

Critiques and Consultations <https://www.denisevega.com/contact/critiques-consultations/>