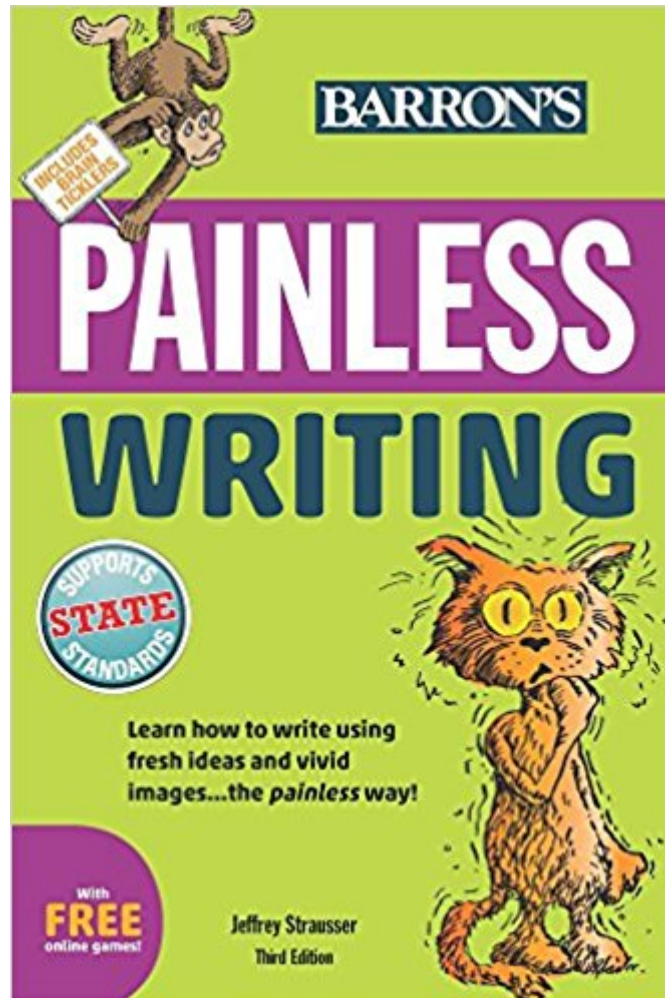




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

"The books are for middle through high school but would be useful for all ages. They would make great home-schooling as well as tutoring resources. The concepts and explanations are clear enough to make the books useful for self-instruction as well. These might be multiple copy purchases, as keeping these titles on the shelf could be a problem."

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Very informative book!

Great Product!

I disagree with the other (negative) review, which unfortunately skews the average review(s) for this book unfairly downward. I think the exercises in this book are just fine. Writing refinement is a highly subjective topic, but I do think the author's recommendations are sound and quite helpful, if a bit hard to test through "exercises." The author does include such exercises, but their purpose is to help writers recognize -- and avoid -- common types of writing traps and pitfalls (poor word choices, convoluted writing, overuse of the passive voice, word misuse, etc.) that writers tend to fall into. There is no logical way to present these various issues other than by general category, which is precisely what the author does. *Painless Writing* is definitely not a writing textbook. Rather, it is a collection of helpful and practical advice for writers who wish to further refine and polish their writing. Viewed in that light, this book is a helpful and useful supplemental writing handbook, and I think you'll find *Painless Writing* to be a worthwhile purchase.

I've been coaching writing for middle school students and corporate clients for 10 years. This is the best book I've come across for improving the writing of both groups. The book's easy-to-learn techniques, such as locating prepositional phrases and nominalizations and replacing them with streamlined and reader-enticing structures, are awesome -- as are its exercises to strengthen the impact of writing on audiences. I go through every page in both my group classes and individual tutorial sessions. Kudos to Professor Jeffery Strausser!

I am a fan of the painless books. These are not my favorite. I thought it would give fun prompts and get kids excited about writing. It didn't.

1. Not organized very well
2. Exercises aren't very helpful to the students
Would recommend buying a different book if you're trying to teach your students

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