

Resources for Adult Writers & Illustrators of Children's Books

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SITES:

- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators: www.scbwi.org
- Michigan Chapter SCBWI: www.kidsbooklink.org
- Authorlink: www.authorlink.com
- Bookwire (The business end of things, Bowker site): www.bookwire.com
- Canadian Children's Book Center: www.bookcentre.ca
- Children's Book Council: www.cbcbooks.org
- Children's Literature Web Guide: www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown
- Cynthia Leitich Smith's Site: www.cynthialeitichsmith.com
- Picturing Books (Everything you want to know about picture books): picturingbooks.imaginarylands.org/#anatomy
- Purple Crayon (Harold Underdown's site): www.underdown.org
- Sandbaggers (Site for free manuscript management software called SAMM): www.sandbaggers.8m.com
- Flap Jacket: flapjacket.com
- Verla Kay's Site: www.verlakay.com
- The Children's Writing Supersite (Sponsored by the Children's Book Insider): www.write4kids.com

BOOKS:

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Publishing Children's Books, Second Edition. Harold D. Underdown. Alpha Books, 2004.

The Business of Writing for Children: An Award-Winning Author's Tips on Writing and Publishing Children's Books, or How to Write, Publish, and Promote a Book for Kids Aaron Shepard. Shepard Pub., 2000.

***Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market.** Ed. By Alice Pope. Writer's Digest Books, annual. (**Submissions "Bible" for children's writers.)

Also handy: *Publisher's Weekly* (spring & fall), *Writer's Digest Magazine*, and *The Children's Writer Newsletter of Writing and Publishing Trends*.

Other books you may want to invest in: a book on manuscript submissions, a good dictionary, rhyming dictionary, thesaurus, slang dictionary, grammar/style books, books on names, proverbs, folk sayings, folksongs, and mythology.