

A Writer's Handbook: Notes from a blog



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editor Les Casson:

"They like it! They really like it!"

In September 2007, students of Dr. John Eustace's writing course at Acadia University in Nova Scotia commented on course text A Writer's Handbook. A selection of a few of those comments:

"I don't know about you guys, but I can think of about 20 times my marks in grade 11 and 12 English would have been much higher after reading just the first couple chapters. I like how it's so jammed with info, yet its not overbearing or too wordy, just basically the blueprint for a sound essay. A book about essays?? I thought Id have to choke it down but it's surprisingly engaging. Huzzah!" -- MR

"Look out *Catcher in the Rye*, hello my new favourite book, *A Writer's Handbook*. Well, not quite, but where was this book when i was in high school? I'm also the guy who frequently comes to writing blocks. Hopefully the cure has been found!" -- ST.

"This handbook is easy to read and has insightful ways of troubleshooting through common problems in writing." -- JS.

"I'm the type of person who starts writing an essay knowing the general direction I want to write in, but I can't get it out of my head and onto paper. I think with the steps in this book I can go through each one and instead of spending hours staring at a blank page, I can spend hours writing my essay." -- AO