


# GRADES 3 - 5: New Book Recommendations from The Writing Thief

## General

 **The Writing Thief** by Ruth Culham

**Using Picture Books to Teach Writing with the Traits K-2** by Culham and Coutu

**Bully** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

## Ideas


 **Thunder Boy, Jr.** by Sherman Alexie

**Rosie Revere Engineer** by Andrea Beaty

**Hippos Can't Swim and Other Fun Facts** by Laura Lyn DiSiena

**What Do You Do With An Idea?** by Kobi Yamada

## Organization

 **The Umbrella** by Ingrid & Dieter Schubert

**The Most Magnificent Thing** by Ashley Spires

**Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt** by Kate Mesner

**Lowriders in Space** by Cathy Camper

## Voice

 **Robo Sauce** by Adam Rubin and Daniel Salmieri

**If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!** by Elise Parsley

**Oh No! (Or How My Science Project Destroyed the World)** by Mac Barnett

**The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate and **Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla** by Katherine Applegate

## Word Choice

 **Tek, The Modern Cave Boy** by Patrick McDonnell

**Last Stop on Market Street** by Matt De La Peña

**If....A Mind-Bending Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Numbers** by David J. Smith

**The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus** by Jen Bryant

## Sentence Fluency

 **The Water Princess** by Susan Verde and Peter Reynolds

**I Will Make Miracles** by Susie Morgenstern

**Perfect** by Nicola Davies

**The Whisperer** by Pamela Zagarenski

## Conventions

 **Exclamation Mark** by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

**You're Toast and other Metaphors We Adore** by Nancy Loewen

**Happy Endings: A Story About Suffixes** by Robin Pulver and Lynne Rowe Reed

**Punctuation Celebration** by Elsa Knight Bruno

\*The Writing Thief reserves the right to fall in love with new books and replace these titles whenever she feels like it! But, every one of these books is a winner. There is a similar list for grades K-2 posted as well. Both lists are worth checking out regardless of the grade level you teach.