


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

 **Tex, 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.