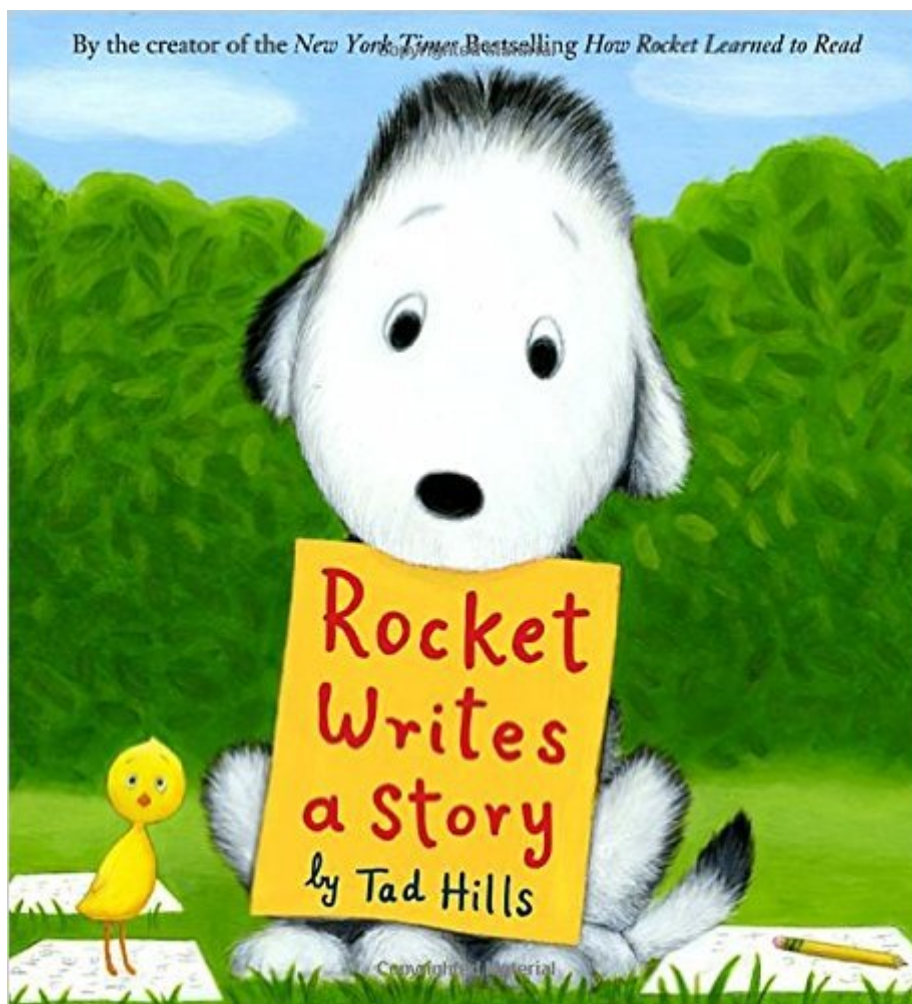


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# Rocket Writes A Story



## Synopsis

The #1 New York Times Bestseller This irresistible sequel to the New York Times bestselling *How Rocket Learned to Read* is "a perfect choice to inspire new readers and writers," according to a starred review from Kirkus Reviews. Rocket loves books and he wants to make his own, but he can't think of a story. Encouraged by the little yellow bird to look closely at the world around him for inspiration, Rocket sets out on a journey. Along the way he discovers small details that he has never noticed before, a timid baby owl who becomes his friend, and an idea for a story. Declared a best children's book of the year by , Barnes & Noble, School Library Journal, and Publishers Weekly, this book is sure to appeal to kids, parents, teachers, and librarians.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Since I loved *Rocket Learns To Read*, I bought this second book, *Rocket Writes A Story*. I was not disappointed! I LOVE these books! They teach children about reading and writing in a delightful format. A dog eager to learn, who has a little yellow bird for a teacher. I am a retired elementary school teacher, who volunteers in classrooms with my 'reading' dog. This reading program is titled R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs). The children love interacting with a dog while reading to him/her. The Rocket books are perfect for the younger children (K and 1st grade).

Tad Hills delivers this delightful sequel that is encouraging and inspiring for children. This appealing book will encourage children to read and write, while enjoying this adventure. Rocket loves books, and his dream is to write his own, but he needs ideas to create his story. The little yellow bird encouraged him to set out on a journey to search for ideas. Rocket makes a new friend along the way, and the owl helps him to create an idea for his story. The characters are adorable, the story is fun-filled, educational, and entertaining. Highly Recommended for children, teachers, and parents who have young children.

\*\*\*\*\*" Rocket sniffs out wonderful new words in his environment, and the bird helps him create a glorious word tree. Now Rocket searches for ideas for his own story in which he can use his word collection. A shy, friendly owl provides the inspiration he needs, and he sets to work on his opus."  
--Kirkus starred review\*Although kids hear lots of stories, they can't make up their mind on one. Oliver, my 5 years old grandson is very much like puppy Rocket. He loves books, writes me short letters with cute drawings, and may even write, one day, his own book. Encouraged by a tiny yellow bird to look curiously around him for inspiring ideas, Rocket sets out on a journey. Along the way he notices all the small details he has never been attentive to before. How Rocket Learned to Read is a wonderful role model promotion for the magic power of reading and writing. Kirkus starred Review say it all, "a perfect choice to inspire new readers and writers," about this irresistible sequel to the New York Times bestselling "How Rocket Learned to Read" here, a shy baby owl whom he befriend, offers him an idea for a short story. This book is sure to appeal to Oliver, his brother, Noah, baby sitter Betsy and me, Grandpa. The book themes enhance kids social interaction; the author is artful at motivating kids not to give up, but pursue their goals. Building bridges; he coaches to enhance little children social skills grow to develop friendships. Publishers Weekly got it right, "Hills is adept at showing Rocket's setbacks and successes while offering excellent tips for children following in the dog's footsteps...Hills gently demonstrates the power of stories to build bridges."

Book Review--Rocket Writes a Story by Tad Hills This picture book is an endearing sequel to How Rocket Learned to Read. Complete with lovable characters and an educational message about the writing process, makes it a winner among parents, teachers, and children. It delivers the message that writing takes time, hard work, and imagination, but it is so rewarding in the end. As an educator, the title caught my attention as something I could possibly use in the classroom to introduce how to write a story. Then, when I read the book, I found out that was true! After reading it to my students, they were extremely excited to start writing their own stories. Mission accomplished! There are

many ways this book could connect to the Common Core Curriculum in the areas of Language Arts and Writing. 2nd grade Core Connections include: ELA-Craft and Structure: (2.RL.5) Beginning and Ending of a Story Production of Writing: (2.W.5) Focus on a topic; revise and edit. (2.W.6) Collaborate and Publish Writing

I bought this for my 7 year old. We are using it to learn how to write a story, I found some worksheets etc online that goes a long with this book. Random house have a teachers guide you can find here [https://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/teachers\\_guides/9780375870866.pdf](https://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/teachers_guides/9780375870866.pdf) But if you google lesson plans for it you come up with a ton of people that have used it!!!

This is the sweetest story about Rocket and his Teacher, a little yellow chick. Rocket starts a word collection and eventually uses some of his words to write a story about his new friend. We gave these to our 2nd grade kids in the R.E.A.D. program, along with journals, as an end of the school year gift. Some of the words were a little bit of a challenge for them, so it truly does serve pre-k through 8 or third grade as they move from being read to to reading it themselves. We asked our kids to make a collection of the words they had trouble with first so that they could learn those. Then collect more new words through the summer and finally write a story with their words! We can't wait to get back to school next term and see what the kids have written! They will be reading their stories to the Reading Education Assistance Dogs! Rocket is great!

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