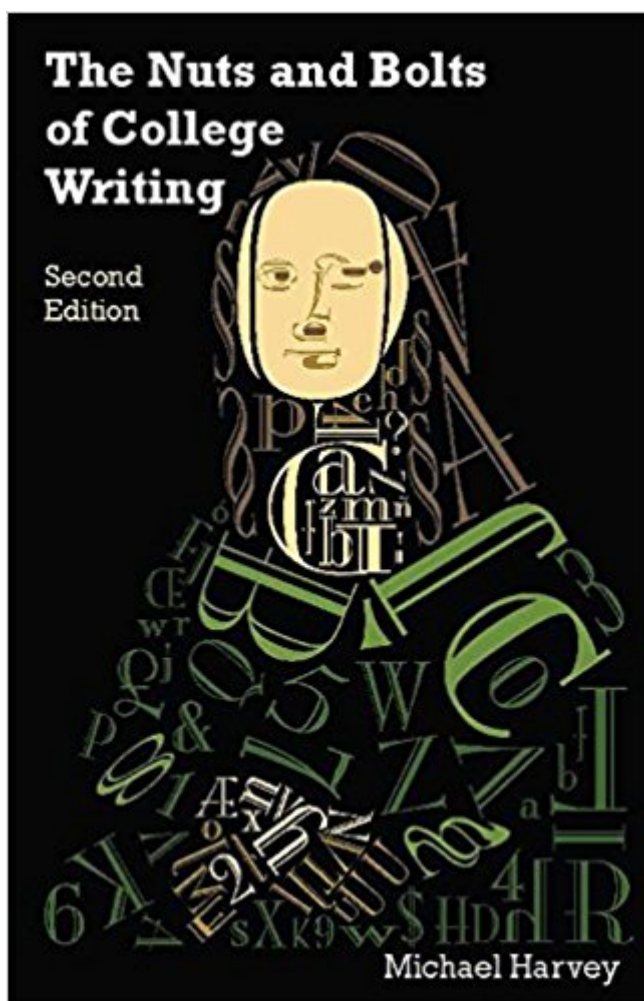


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Besides that it's cheap for a textbook, I ordered this for my students because it is one of the only handbooks I've seen that lists how to do in-text citations alongside how to do references, as opposed to having these in two separate sections as many handbooks do. It also shows MLA, APA, and CMS (Chicago) formats alongside each other. The advantage to this layout is that a student can look up how to reference, for example, an article in a journal, and all on the same page can see how to do the reference AND in-text citation in 3 different formats. The tips on clarity and concision, etc. in this book are also good.

As an engineering student, writing isn't my best subject. To be honest, I suck at it. The author of this book however understands that. He's a college professor and has seen his share of poor writing and knows just what is ailing students. The reason I bought the book was because I received a poor grade on a paper for one of my humanities classes. I realized that my writing style was awful and that it was hiding the content (if there was any good content) from the reader. I started reading the first two chapters and was able to apply the tips right away during my final (on which I got an astounding 95%, thank you very much). What an improvement I made, with reading only half the book! The book isn't some philosophical manual that asks me to take a deep look at my writing style. Instead it provides direct, practical advice that can be applied right away to any written paper for any subject. There advice on verb usage, nouns, voice and many other things non-liberal arts students never even think about. For example, use active verbs over nominalizations and active over passive voice. The author gives plenty of examples along the way to show how we can improve our writing. What I love about this book is that it is really short. You can re-read it many times to refresh yourself right before submitting a paper. It's well written and engaging. The only downsides I experienced were because I was using the Kindle version. Some of the images are blurry and difficult to read, but I'm sure that is not a problem with the hard copy version. I highly recommend this to anyone who wants to turn around their writing and be proud of their papers.

A smart, concise, and useful guide. Its practicality would increase by at least 50 percent with the addition of an index; I'm not sure how a book of this kind gets published without one.

The book came right on time and looked brand new and fresh I recommend getting it

This books was of great use! I used this book for 2 different classes during my freshman year in college! I can honestly say that this book was a life saver because what ever I did not understand in class this book clarified. The book provides many examples so if the professor's explanation wasn't good I could reply on the book to answer my questions

I needed this for class! It served its purpose but as a writer, I decided to keep it to this day. It's great to reference when need be. It didn't cost much and should be bought by all who plan to do a lot of writing as well as preparing themselves for college writing.

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