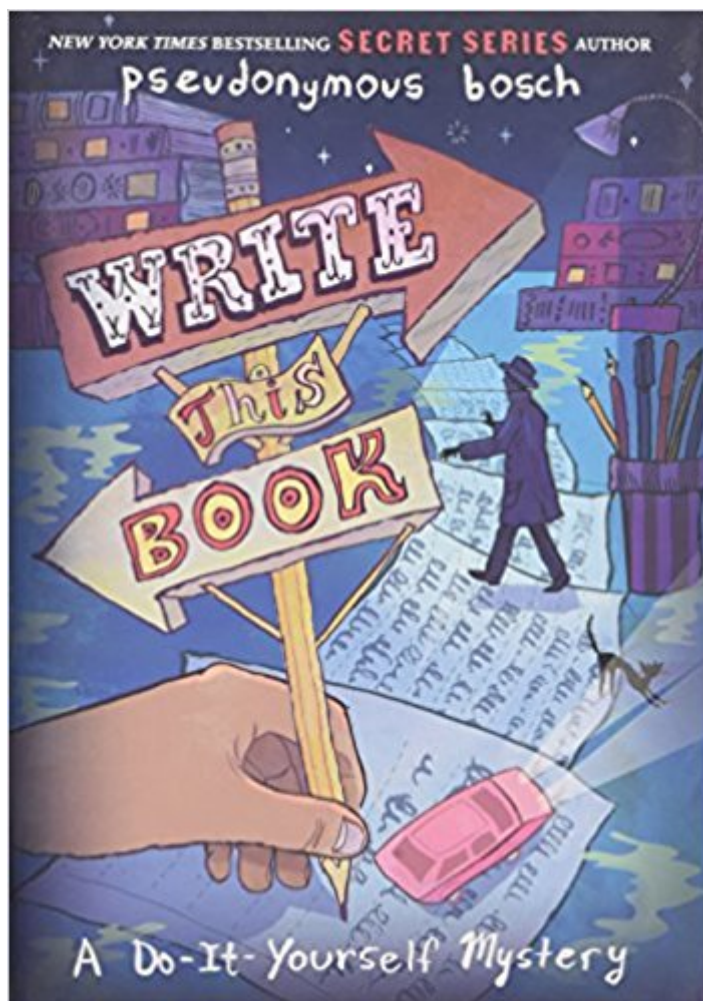


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# Write This Book: A Do-It-Yourself Mystery (The Secret Series)



## Synopsis

This imaginative companion to the New York Times bestselling Secret Series teases, prompts, and leads readers through the steps of writing a story. Bosch's signature rip-roaring voice delivers an engaging narrative (for the reader to help complete!) and interactive puzzles and games. Readers get the chance to create their own story while enjoying a satisfying mystery as well. Here's a note from our fearless "author": I feared this might happen. I knew reading was a dangerous business, but now it's not safe for writers either! You see, the author of this book is missing. Well, maybe not "missing." A certain author whom I won't name (okay, me) has abandoned his book and has left his readers hanging out to dry. This is a crime, I admit, but there it is. Most of this book, well, I just haven't written it. And I'm not going to, either. Why? Oh, I have my reasons. Big. Grown up. Author. Reasons. Unfortunately, I can't reveal them yet. Let's just say a life is at stake (mine) and leave it at that. So will you do it? Pretty please? You'll do it? Thank you! But please hurry! Time is of the essence and you can't wait any longer. You must WRITE THIS BOOK!

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-7-The author has taken it upon himself to teach his readers everything there is to know about the art of writing. He sets forth his proposition early on: "You, the reader of this book, shall be the author of this book." After he shares the basic premise of the plot-two siblings, A - - - and Z - - - ,

stumble on a mystery involving a missing author-he goes on to provide plenty of substance about the main elements of a story. Through his reluctant and snarky narration, readers learn about all the parts of a book, from the copyright page to "About the Author." An "official character assessment form" allows readers/authors to figure out what kind of person the main character is going to be before proceeding with the story, and a plot map literally shows the way from the inciting incident to the quest to the climax to the denouement. "Write This" directives followed by blank pages allow inspired readers an opportunity to jump in with their own ideas (librarians, beware!). The result is a marvelous tutorial, covering everything from how to write effective dialogue to choosing perspective to genre to world-building. As with other books in the series, PB's long-eared sidekick, Quiche, jumps in from time to time. Ford's whimsical spot art adds to the humor. Writing a book has never been so much fun. A must-have where the "Secret" series is popular.-Kim Dare, Fairfax County Public Schools, VA (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

After following the adventures of Max-Ernest and Cass in Bosch's Secret Series, it is now time for readers become authors themselves. And Bosch promises that this step-by-step guide will help them create their own "do-it-yourself mystery." Banter between Bosch and Quiche, his long-eared sidekick bunny, gives rise to Bosch agreeing to write the first three chapters and provide skeletons for remaining chapters. He constructs the basics for "The Case of the Missing Author" by identifying the two protagonists, A\_\_\_ and Z\_\_\_, and assigning them the mission to find the author, I. B. Though the sorta-narrative classifies this as fiction, the educational element is strong: guiding questions, suggestions, and myriad footnotes (some humorous, some informational) encourage the creativity of budding writers. Although Bosch's characteristic humor permeates the book, in actuality, it could serve as an excellent guide for middle-grade students who struggle with writing fiction. Dedicated Bosch readers might stay with the book to the end, but it likely will find a better audience in teachers who instruct students in the creative writing process. Grades 4-7. --J. B. Petty

Totally enthralling for kid. Can't say enough about it

Our 10 year old child has been an avid reader and a fan of the Secret Series. However, she has always disliked writing. This book definitely encourages a reluctant young writer to be engaged and successful in the process. It would be great to know if there are other similar books to continue her

interest and enjoyment.

Excellent book for helping your 5th to 6th grader understand and participate in creative writing.

My 11 year old started reading the Secret Series about a year ago and she loved it so much that we bought this as soon as we could. She loves it! This author seems to really understand his audience and my daughter is always sharing funny stuff from the books. I highly recommend this book.

My kid loved the book. Not really like a cause and effect like she thought. More like what its acutally called!! Your being helped in the by P.B (Pseudonymous Bosch) and his bunny Quinche. Its has short comics with picures of P.B and Quinche and them popping up in reg. pages.

This book is great! The book explains how to write a mystery, while keeping you caught up in one. It is fun and amazing!!!! Pseudonymous Boch has you write a book while teaching you the essentials of mysteries! I advise you get this book!

A+

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