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- Seventeen brand new craft lessons; many based on veteran teachers' observations about typical student writing.
- Revisions to other craft lessons: model texts that have gone out of print have been replaced with current titles, and the resource materials sections have been expanded.
- New thinking about teaching elements of craft and the reading-writing connection.
- Two new indexes: a handy subject index to make it easier to find specific craft lessons, and an index that shows how these craft lessons can be integrated into Ralph and JoAnn's curriculum resource on the “qualities of writing”—Ideas, Design, Language, and Presentation.

The 95 lessons in this book provide a wealth of information for teaching leads, character, endings, stronger verbs, and much more. This new edition reestablishes *Craft Lessons* as the crucial “desert island book” for harried writing teachers everywhere.

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