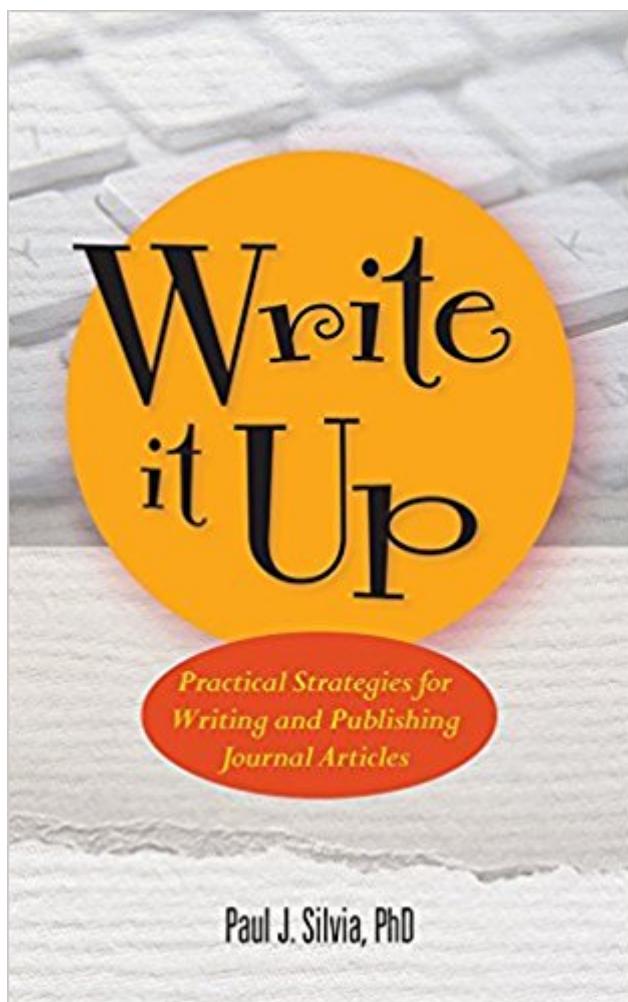


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I'm a huge fan of Silvia's "How to Write a Lot." After buying that book about two years ago, I have set a daily writing schedule and stuck to it, and since doing so I have published several journal articles and gotten a federal grant. Silvia's new volume is incredibly useful, whether you are writing your first journal article or your fiftieth. It breaks down the process of writing journal articles into manageable bites (what are the three main formulas for an Introduction? When do you pick a target journal for your paper? What's the best strategy when you're asked to revise and resubmit a paper?), and it helped shake me out of some of the bad habits I'd developed. My writing was feeling stagnant, and this book gave me some needed perspective on how to communicate my ideas more effectively and efficiently. As a nice bonus, it's also really funny. Highly recommend.

I am a fan of Silvia's *How to Write a Lot*. I found that book to be funny and the instructions on how to set a schedule very useful. This book, *Write it Up*, is also good with one major (in my opinion) flaw. The tone of *How to Write a Lot* was light with an underlying seriousness, and it worked great. I believe that Silvia has tried to maintain that same tone in this book. For me, though, I found the comments in this newer book to be distracting and not funny. It made the book somewhat irritating to read in places, though I understand this is a matter of taste. The book is still strong enough that I gave it four stars, but had the tone been more serious, I would have preferred it. Having said that, the book itself is useful and it has some solid advice. It is less expensive than other books that I preferred (i.e., Belcher's, *Writing Your Journal Article in Twelve Weeks: A Guide to Academic Publishing Success*.) I would definitely recommend this book to writers who are, maybe, less solid in their skills, like I am, and I would recommend it to anyone who is maybe more confident but just wants to improve.

As someone with a background in Math, writing is not my strong suit. But I had a thesis to write for

my Ed Psych Master's and I struggled with how to make it organized but not formulaic. When this book was recommended to me, that all changed. The book is well-written and interesting, as well as easy to read. Each chapter walked you through how to approach writing or writing related tasks while keeping everything flexible enough that you don't feel like you're just following instructions in your writing.

Very well written and to the point. I recommend to anyone that is new to the process.

Great resource thus far.

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A beautiful companion piece to his "How to write a lot", full of useful suggestions on how to write academic articles.

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