



Picture books that Model 6 Traits Writing Elements:

Ideas: Elaboration and Detail

Very First, Last Time by Jan Andrews

The Paper Crane by Molly Bang

The Armadillo from Amarillo by Lynn Cherry

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

Wilfred Gordan McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox

Arturo's Baton by Syd Hoff

Believing Sophie by H.J. Hutchins

If You Were a Writer by Joan Nixon

From Pictures to Words: A Book About Making a Book by Janet Stevens

Word Choice

Flamboyant by Arnold Adoff

Up North at the Cabin by Marsha Chall

Double Trouble in Walla Walla by Andrew Clements

Dancing in the Kitchen by Wendy Gelsanliter

Goblins in Green by Nicholas Heller

Monsters by Russell Hoban

The Unbeatable Bread by Lyn L. Hoopes

C is for Curious by Woodleigh Hubbard

The Old Man Who Loved Cheese by Garrison Kiellor

Duke Ellington by Andrea Pinckney

Night in the County by Cynthia Rylant

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

The Long, Long Letter by Elizabeth Spurr

Elbert's Bad Word by Audrey Wood

Night Visitors by Ed Young

Sentence Fluency Variation in Sentence Structure:

Song and Dance Man by Karen Ackerman

Georgia Music by Helen Griffith

Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt by Deborah Hopkinson

William the Curious by Charles Santore

Bad Day at Riverbend by Chris Van Allsburg

Piggens by Jane Yolen

Great Beginnings:

The Stupids Die by Harry Allard

Going home by Eve Bunting

Grandpa's Teeth by Rod Clements

Eleanor by Barbara Cooney

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Why Not? by Hofsepian

Aunt Flossie's Hats by Elizabeth Howard

The Boy and the Cloth of Dreams by Jenny Koralack

The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Noble

Duke Ellington by Andrea Pinckney

Casey at the Bat by Patricia Polacco

Louis the Fish by Arthur Yorincks

A Big Finish (Endings):

The Barber's Cutting Edge by Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert

Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting

Hey! Get Off Our Train by John Burningham

Kirby Kelvin and the NOT-Laughing Lessons by Ivon Cecil

Henry's Baby by Mary Hoffman

The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant

The Stranger by Chris Van Allsburg

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