

PICTURE BOOK ASSESSMENT

Name Sophie Title of My Picture Book Rocket Thoughts

The characteristics of my picture book that make it most comparable to other picture books we've studied are:

my surprising lists, ending and verbs. Also my way of describing things to make them a very clear mind picture
I think the timeline of my life with Rocket Thoughts is like a published book.

The picture books I used as mentors are:

Title: Mel's Diner Author: Marissa Moss

Quality of Good Writing I admire: the surprising ending.

Example from Mentor Text:

It goes from saying a lot about the diner through out the book, to going home. A lot of people wouldn't have thought of doing that.

Example from my book: I went from a lot of Rocket Thoughts having to do with me, to teaching some one else. A lot of people wouldn't have thought of doing that, either.

#1 Daddy Played Music for the Cows Maryann Weidt
#2 Title: Mel's Diner Author: Marissa Moss

Quality of Good Writing I admire: the great lead.

Example from Mentor Text:

#2 "It's morning at Mel's Diner. The coffee is brewing, the bacon is sizzling, and the biscuits are baking."
#1 "Mama always said I was born in the barn while daddy played music for the cows."

Example from my book: "Ever since she can remember, Sophie's parents have been going out at night. Sometimes out to dinner, some times out to the movies, or sometimes out to the theater."

Title: Daddy Played Music for the Cows Author: Maryanne

Quality of Good Writing I admire: use of time

Example from Mentor Text:

Weidt grew over the years, and no matter what, it had to do with music.

Example from my book: I wrote about myself growing over the years, and no matter what, it had to do with Rocket Thoughts.

My favorite part of the picture book I published is: "Finally, Sophie thought of the one thing that would make him stop sobbing. The one thing that would make him feel close to his parents once again as it had for her. The one thing she knew only she could pass on. She called them... Rocket Thoughts!"

It is my favorite part because:

I think it's a great way to say to the reader that even if I've grown out of Rocket Thoughts, that they still exist. Repeating "the one thing" makes Rocket Thoughts stand out in an important way.

The biggest challenge for me in writing this picture book was:

writing so that the reader could understand how I made Rocket Thoughts.

I have learned many things about being a good writer from this study. They are:

1. If you're writing a book, or anything, it should be clear enough to give the reader a vivid mind picture.
2. That if you put in the obvious things you've written in your notebook, you can find the really important things, inside.
3. studying "mentor" books with the same genre you're writing, it really helps you write your own book.