

Lucy Calkins Additional Reading and Writing Units Video Interview Transcript

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Lucy: I want to talk about the How-To Guide for Nonfiction Writing; this is a book that I think is going to help second grade teachers in an important way. I worry a little bit that our second grade writing books are a bit advanced for second graders who haven't yet grown up from kindergarten and first grade. We had to make a decision when we were writing these books, whether we would make shoes to fit or shoes to grow into, and for second grade, we wrote units of study books that are shoes to grow into, and they'll be perfect for kids once they've grown up in the kindergarten and first grade units of study. But for kids who haven't had that background, it's a lot, the second grade books are. And this book is kind of like a lower rung on the ladder, so it's very accessible. It's a nonfiction book that will be super accessible for all your second graders, and I'm hoping that you'll teach it early in the year, whether it's maybe unit two, and it'll sort of help all of them so that when they get to that lab report book, they're going to feel so ready for that book, so you'll love this book.

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