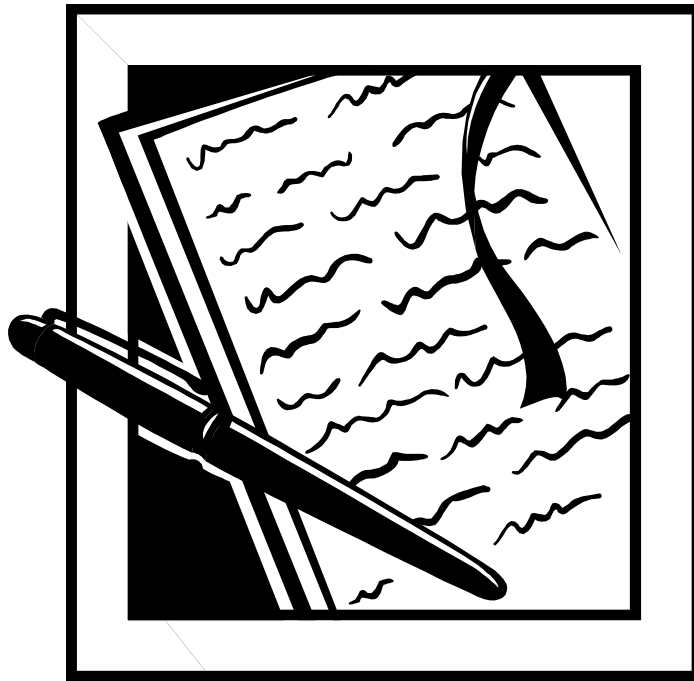


Letter Writing



Assembled By Cherry Carl

Letter writing is many things to many people. My mother encouraged my sisters and I to write thank you notes, letters to Grandma and Grandpa and to my dad, who was often "overseas" in the U.S. Navy. It was a way of staying in touch with who we were in an ever changing world. When I left home for college, I began a journey of journals, phone calls and letter writing. I was terribly homesick and letter writing was a life preserver of sorts. Years later my mother handed me a box that contained every letter that I wrote home during the five years I was away at school. I continued to write letters, as a parent, a sister, an aunt and now, as a grandmother myself. Here's one that I wrote to my family after one particularly memorable Thanksgiving.

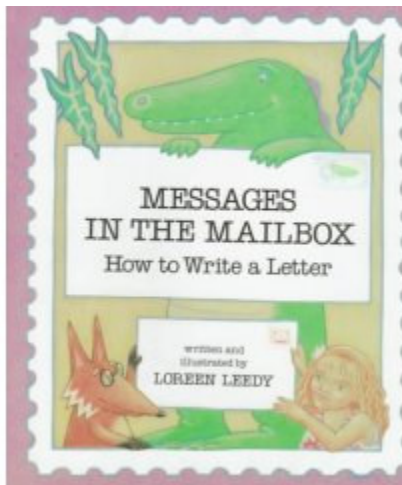
*Thanksgiving's passed for one more year,
A day for the warmth of food and cheer,
Of too much turkey, pies and such,
And lots of time to smile and touch.*

*We all sit back, so full and fed,
To reminisce and plan ahead.
Then Grandma's pictures pass around,
And "oohs" and "aahs" of joy abound.*

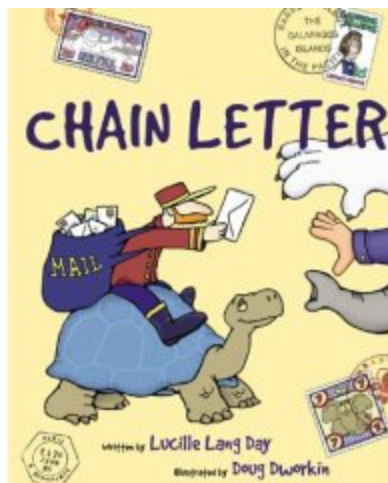
*There's time to play "Remember When?"
We're all the victim now and then
Of stories shared from yesteryear,
With giggles, laughs and wistful tears.*

*Then dirty dishes beckon hands,
As feast and fun for all disbands.
We pack the kids, the food, the men . . .
Thanksgiving's blessed us once again.*

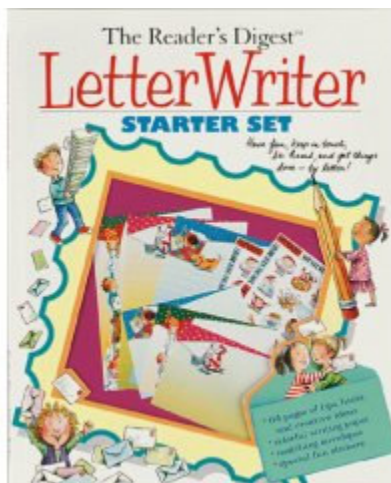
Letter Writing Literature



Messages in the Mailbox:
How to Write a Letter
Loreen Leedy



Chain Letter
Lucille Lang Day



Letter Writer
Starter Set
Nancy Cobb

Other Picture Books That Inspire Letter Writing

A Visit to the Post Office by Sandra Ziegler

Amelia Writes Again by Marissa Moss

Amelia's Notebook by Marissa Moss

Anna's Secret Friend by Yoriko Tsutui

Arthur and the Pen-Pal Playoff by Marc Brown

Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type by Betsy Lewin

Corduroy Write a Letter by Alison Inches

Day the Computers Broke Down by Laura Normang

Dear Annie by Judith Casey

Dear Bear by Joanna Harrison

Dear Brother by Frank Asch and Valdimir Vagin

Dear Hildegard by Bernard Weber

Dear Mr. Blueberry by Simon James

Dear Mrs. LaRue by Mark Teague

Dear Napoleon, I Know You're Dead But . . . by Elvira Woodruff

Dear Peter Rabbit by Alma Flo Ada

Dear Phoebe by Sue Alexander

Dear Rebecca, Winter is Here by Jean Craighead George

Dear Santa by Margaret Wise

Detective LaRue: Letters From the Investigation by Mark Teague

Don't forget to Write by Martina Selway

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Here Comes the Mail by Gloria Skurzynski

I Wanna Iguana, by Karen Kaufman Orloff

If You Were a Letter Writer by Joan Lowry Nixon

Jolly Postman (Series) by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats

Letters From Felix (Series) by Annette Langen

Little Bear's Friend by Else Homelund Minarik

Long, Long Letter by Elizabeth Spurr

Love from Uncle Clyde by Nancy Winslow Parker

Love, Your Uncle Bear Pete by Dylan Sheldon

Mailing May by Michael O. Tunnell

Messages in the Mailbox: How to Write a Letter by Loreen Leedy

My Mother the Mail Carrier by Inex Maury

Never Mail an Elephant by Mike Thaler

No Two Snowflakes by Sheree Fitch

No Mail for Mitchell by Catherine Siracusa

Post Office Book: Mail and How It Moves by Gail Gibbons

Postal Workers A-Z by Jean Johnson

Postcards from Different Countries by Zoe Dawson

Postcards from Pluto by Loreen Leedy

What the Mailman Brought by Carolyn Craven

What's It Like to Be a Postal Worker by Morgan Matthews

Yours Truly, Goldilocks by Alma Flor Ada

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Fan Letter

Friendly Letter

Invitation

Letter from Camp

Letter to the Editor

Pen Pal Letter

Request Letter

Thank You Note