

Chryse Hutchins coauthor, *7 Keys to Comprehension:*

How to Help Your Kids Read it and Get It!

Examining the Writing side of Cognitive Reading Strategies

“The best moments in reading are when you come across something—a thought, a feeling, a way of looking at things—which you had thought unique and particular to you. Now here it is, set down by someone else, a person you have never met, someone even who is long dead. And it is as if a hand has come out and taken yours.”

Alan Bennett

“In one sense all writing is persuasive. The writer works to hold the reader’s attention long enough to present what she wishes to convey. All my writing comes from an itch, an unanswered question just as it does in fiction, poetry, or any kind of prose. All genres deal with unanswered questions and with our sense of wonder. Sadly, we corrupt the purpose of writing by requiring our students to write about preordained learning that expects them to tell us what we already know.”

Don Graves

“You don’t learn to write by going through a series of preset writing exercises. You learn to write by grappling with a real subject that truly matters to you.”

Ralph Fletcher

We write, “To make sense of ourselves. Writing can make pain tolerable, confusion clearer and self stronger.”

Anna Quindlen