

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR WRITING

No matter what your major or career plans, learning to write well is one of the most important things you can do in college. It is also potentially one of the most fulfilling. Among the many books on non-fiction writing, I have three favorites:

Ken Macrorie, *Telling Writing* (4th edition)

William Zinsser, *On Writing Well: The Classic Guide to Writing Nonfiction* (6th edition)

William Strunk and E.B. White, *The Elements of Style* (50th anniversary edition)

For all questions relating to punctuation, I recommend:

Lynne Truss, *Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation*

And for comprehensive guidelines on everything from grammar to quotations, use the on-line version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, accessible via Van Pelt Library's "Franklin" catalogue