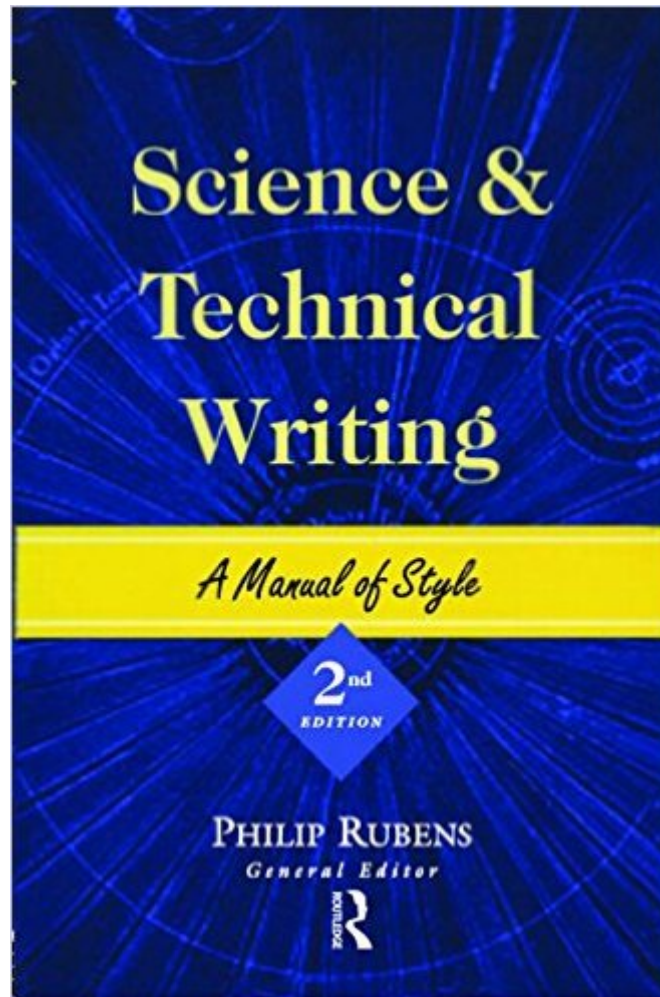


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This is the best style guide for technical writing I have ever found. It gives more every day practical information than any of the other technical writing books and gives that information in a highly usable format. My only complaint--my standard complaint about my reference books--is that the index is far less comprehensive than it ought to be. Given modern computer indexing capabilities, one would think authors and publishers could do a better job. However, with this is one of the four essential books: 1. Strunk and White, *Elements of Style*, 2. Prentice Hall, *Words Into Type*, 3. Garner, *A Dictionary of Modern American Usage* (for the British tech writer, Fowler's *Modern English Usage*) and 4. Rubens, *Science and Technical Writing*. With these four, a technical writer can handle almost any situation that arises. There are other books covering special fields that can be added, but these four will always be the bedrock. If you are a professional technical writer or only an occasional one, you can't go wrong having this book handy on your desktop.

I found this text difficult to use on a regular bases. Yes it has a lot of useful content but searching

through it and figuring out how this are organized is a pain. I ended up making use of the ACS: Styles Guide because its more aligned with the type of writing I do. If you can purchases this for a decent price then I would say it might be worth it.

The second edition of this text makes many useful changes to the previous edition. Hopefully, readers WILL peruse the Preface. On page 36 of that section, there is a FULL explanation of the location and summarizing techniques that make this text extremely usable. Yes, each chapter does begin with a bulleted list that catalogs the major sub-sections in that specific chapter. Second, the Table of Contents offers page numbers to major topical changes. Third, the Index (compiled by a former president of the American Society of Indexers) references each paragraph in the text. So, there are multiple ways to find specific pieces of information by using one of three major location techniques: topical changes in the toc, paragraph references in the index, and chapter level tocs at the beginning of each chapter. The latter are NOT, as one reviewer suggests, simply bulleted lists. I'm happy to see this book issued as a Kindle book and hope others find it useful as an addition to their professional library.

Easy to read and understand the art of communication. I tell my students you might be the smartest person walking the planet, but if you can not communicate your observations and interpretations, then you are essentially illiterate. A excellent reference guide.

I turned to .com first when looking for a style manual for the engineering field. Found this, ordered it, and have used it often already. It is absolutely what I needed. So glad I found it.

Recommended by a Technical Writer so I bought it. Very helpful for newbies

I encourage you to view the excerpt of this book; it will help you, more than any customer review, to see if this book is what you expect or imagine. In the excerpt, I found that chapter 2 starts with a bulleted list of items, without any introduction, any motivation, any explanation, nor comment, exactly like a table of contents. Next, using the same style (bulleted list or table of contents), "develops" each item of the bulleted list. I feel that this type of book would not give much help to write anything. To buy this book is like buying a power point presentation.

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