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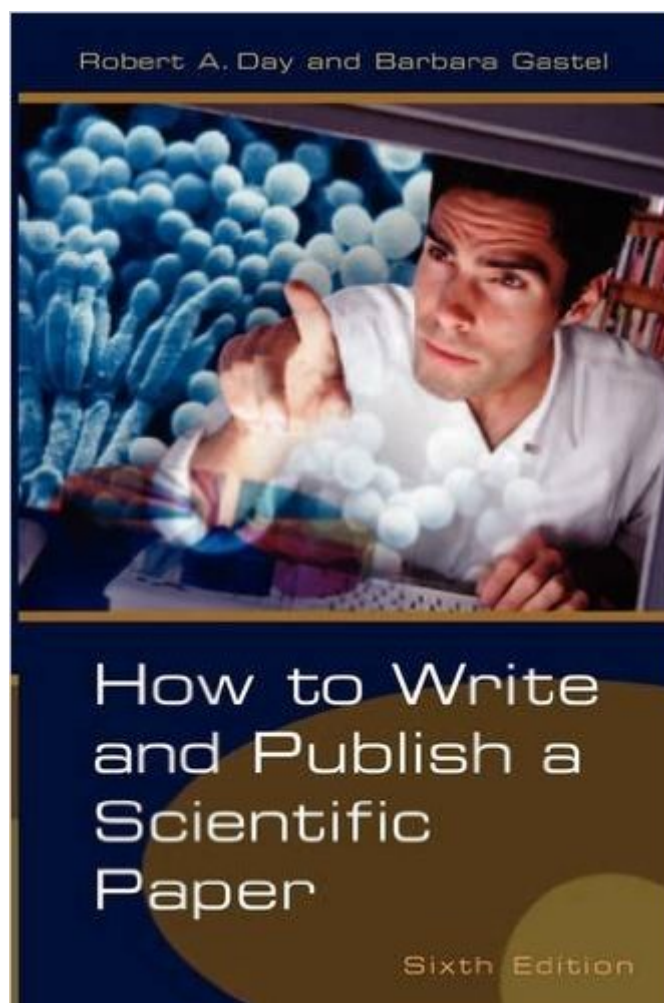# How To Write And Publish A Scientific Paper

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## Synopsis

To be useful, scientific research needs to be explained clearly to othersâ •to colleagues, to administrators, to foundations and governmental bodies, and to the public. This thoroughly revised edition of the classic How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper gives beginning scientists and experienced researchers alike practical advice on writing about their work and publishing what they write. The core of the book consists of a how-to guide to writing and publishing research articles for scientific journals, explaining every step of the process, from choosing a suitable journal for your work to presenting the results and citing references. How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper is the essential guide every scientist needs to achieve success in today's competitive environment.This revised edition of How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper provides such practical advice for anyone working in any scientific discipline who needs to communicate his or her work effectively to others.

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I read the 4th edition, but I assume this 5th edition is even better, if that were possible! My copy sits among the dictionary, the thesaurus, and the scientific style guide. Written with humor, this amazing how-to book breaks down all of the components of writing any scientific product, be it thesis or manuscript, and gives practical instructions on what to include and what to avoid. I especially enjoyed the grammar sections, with its real-world examples, such as "lying on top of the intestines, you will perhaps make out a small transparent thread," which is a somewhat gooey spot for

observation... I refer to this book every time I write, and find new advice to keep me on track--and published!

This is the all-in-one reference every newcomer (and experienced) researcher should read to learn how to effectively write scientific papers.The writing style is extremely clear and concise, presenting the most important concepts and advices in a very straightforward way. Contents are organized in very short chapters, so you can immediately get the picture and start improving your skills. It also has many funny stories and comics that help you enjoy the reading.In brief: if you want to master in good scientific papers, budget proposals, writing your doctoral thesis, good presentations... This should be your first choice.Final note for non-native English speakers/writers like me: you will find invaluable references at the end of the book about how to use adequate connectors and expressions, as well as a whole chapter specifically devoted to how to write science in English as a second language.

I was acquainted with Robert Day's How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper during my post graduate years. Only the fourth edition was available then. I have since continually recommended it to all people in my scientific circles. Now that I am involved in helping budding scientists take their first steps in research, I use Day's book as my bible. Most of the undergraduate students that have come by me have been exposed to this handy reference, and I believe that through Day's book third world science can actually level up to our first world counterparts.

as i am preparing for Ph.D. research in law, i thought i bought this book by mistake, for the title contained the word "Scientific"! it turned out to be one of the best readings i did on academic research (and believe me; i did many). a very good book with a direct approach towards the 'techniques' of writing for publication. although it is addressing scientists, most of the tips are suitable for researchers in other disciplines, even humanities. the writer succeeded in the difficult formula: original ideas + sense of humor ! i recommend it strongly.

I think this book is great even if you already have experience writing scientific papers and have published. It certainly opened my eyes to things I should keep in mind when writing for a journal. I'd recommend it to anybody. I'd also like to add that I am currently taking a scientific writing course and the professor mentioned that in his opinion, this is the best scientific writing book he has come across.

I was first introduced to this book while in college and continue to draw from it as a resource. I encourage my students to purchase it for themselves and I give examples from the book when lecturing on "good" writing techniques. This book is good for all levels from the freshman science student to the accomplished research scientist. Day's use of textual humor and Peanuts cartoons is a welcome break from the typical boring style of "how to write" books. I would recommend this book for anyone involved in scientific writing no matter what their background OR what field they are writing for.

Having lost my copy of D. Lindsay's (1995) "A guide to scientific writing", which sadly is out of print, I opted for this book as a replacement. I can safely say that this book taught me nothing I didn't know or couldn't learn from journals' Guides to authors, nor did it inspire any new enthusiasm. A book on scientific writing should not be wordy and boring; its strained attempts at baseball humour did little to lift the mood. Visit a used book store and get Lindsay's book instead, a gem collection of wisdom that almost reads itself. All you'll be missing is the Internet age, on which Day & Gastel have precious little to offer.

Dr. Day was editting scientific manuscripts for longer than twenty years. His text is eminently readable, even enjoyable, and, yes, he does have some anachronisms - like the suggestion to submit a typed manuscript. But it's been through five editions, spanning major changes in publishing.The text describes how to organize an original scientific publication, as well as posters, reviews, theses, and some other forms of scientific communication. It even presents information about the editorial and review processes. Not how to do the research, but rather what belongs in the introduction, how to organize the experimental, etc. The price of the book is worth it just for his insights on how to organize tables effectively, and he does similar treatment for figures.I've written some twenty papers using Day's text, and I recommend it everyone who is involved with research publications. The style of writing is light and humorous, which contributes to the effectiveness - it's enjoyable to read.I don't understand Dr. Moore's so apparent dissatisfaction with Day's text. True, it does not attempt to present a recipe to slavishly follow; Day assumes he's writing for a scientist who understands the area in which he's working and recognizes that there will be differences for each publication. It does, however, do as promised, assuming you think about what you read: Dr. Day's text teaches you how to write and publish a scientific paper.

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