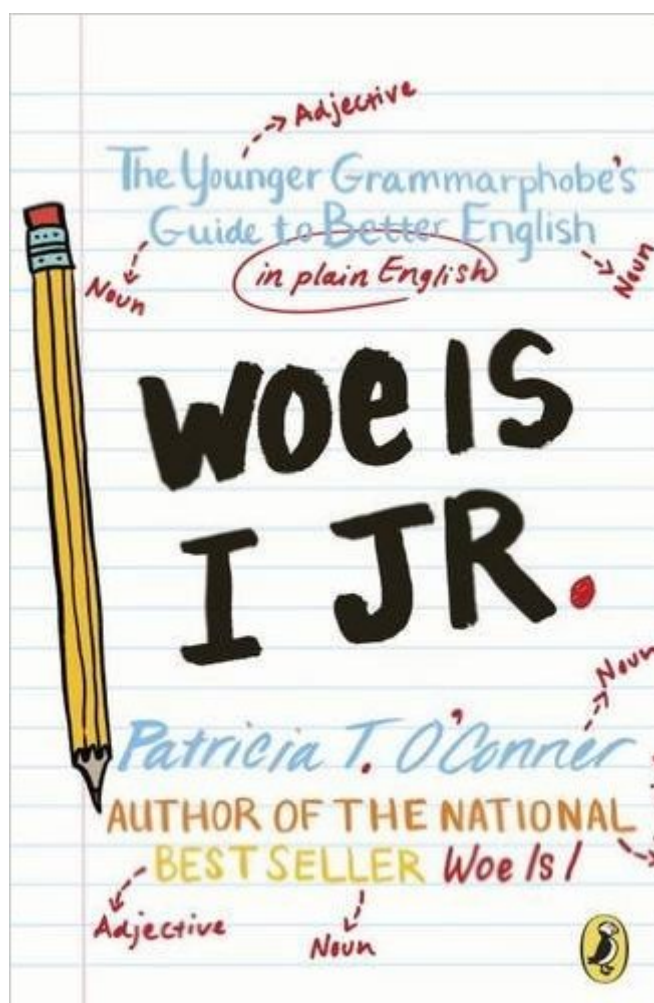


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# Woe Is I Jr.: The Younger Grammarphobe's Guide To Better English In Plain English



## Synopsis

A hilarious exploration of grammar especially for young readers. Now in paperback! Shrek? Earwax-flavored jelly beans? Poems about meatballs? Who on earth would use all these to explain the rules of grammar? Must be Patricia T. O'Conner! Just like *Woe Is I*, her national bestseller for adults, this young readers edition uses conversational language and witty, entertaining examples to show how fun and easy it can be to use good English. It's a humorous reference book you'll actually enjoy pulling off the shelf. Like a humorous Strunk and White for 4th through 8th graders, this is destined to become a must-have for every English classroom and student.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 4-8 • O'Conner has produced a grammar guide for children using the witty, lighthearted style that made *Woe Is I* (Putnam, 1996) so popular. She covers pronouns, plurals, possessives, verb usage, subject-verb agreement, capitalization, and punctuation with jargon-free explanations and entertaining examples (Shrek, Count Olaf, Garfield, and Harry Potter all put in appearances). Additional chapters on commonly confused and misspelled words, clichés, and instant messaging and e-mails make this a well-rounded and useful guide to grammar in the 21st century. The scattered comic-strip-style illustrations neither add to nor detract from its value. Handbooks that are as instructive as they are entertaining are few and far between, making this a

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"In this entertaining treasure, O'Conner's blithe banter will attract young readers, and her irreverent delivery will retain them. . . . This fun resource will prove invaluable." --VOYA (starred review)"O'Conner's examples, funny little verses, and rules [plus] Stiglich's expressive cartoons are guaranteed to snag the attention of the most ungrammatical little culprit." --The Chicago Sun-Times"Handbooks that are as instructive as they are entertaining are few and far between, making this a first purchase for most libraries." --School Library Journal

As a homeschool family I am always on the lookout for FUN educational resources. My kids are older but they still loved the concept of the book. It was a great refresher that was light-hearted but still full of information. It's the literary equivalent of sneaking veggies into a fruit smoothie. They liked all the 'references' of shows and books they've read/watched. It felt really geared toward their generation. For reference my children are tweenish (middle school). Should they struggle with grammar lessons I'm sure they will gladly pull this book for reference.

My ten-year-old grandson read and loved this! I teach English at a major university and recommend this to my students. Same rules as for adults, but charmingly rendered. This has helped many of my students with limited grammar and punctuation skills to display their knowledge and insights with clarity and eloquence.

This working text is very useful for young readers and writers - though it might cause some confusion if you were a 'natural' English speaker - you live in Britain or Ireland. I'd guess the age range to be 12 upwards, to get the best out of the book. Now if only parents would resist the temptation to gift their kids with 'swipe-screen' readers! Read well, and write better!

My son is in second grade, and his teacher suggested that I give him his own copy of this book because he enjoyed it so much at school. I was a bit skeptical about a grammar book being well received as a gift, but bought it and gave it to him for Christmas. When he unwrapped it, he started jumping up and down with excitement and quickly turned to the page that contained a poem about punctuation and recited it to us (over and over again!). The author really does make grammar fun.

My son enjoys this book so much that I bought his dad the adult version.

Helping our middle school children with English classes. They are getting As, so must be helping.

Item arrived on time and it is as described. It does have a big red ink dot over the bottom pages, but other than that, it is fine.

Useful to teach grammar

Woe is I Jr. is a humorous look at grammar rules and their application. It is very readable for middle and high school students and can be used as supplemental material for teachers, tutors and reading specialists. I really enjoyed the content, style, and tone of the book.

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