

**Write Your Own**  
**Autobiography**  
**and**  
**Master Descriptive Writing**

Grades 3-8

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## How To Use This Writing Program:

The purpose of ***The Me You See*** is to introduce students to the art of writing descriptively in a fun and creative way. In this program, you will create a finished product to keep for years to come. The following are my suggestions for using this program:

1. Place all pages in page protectors immediately to preserve them. You should not punch holes in the pages that will be bound when you complete this program. You may choose to punch holes in the practice and planning pages and the "How to Write" pages and place them in the 3 ring binder without page protectors.
2. Work on one or two lessons per week. When extensive writing is involved, complete only one lesson, and proof read it several times until the finished product is ready to be placed in the notebook.
3. Use the **proofreading checklist** in the back of the book for all writing assignments involving paragraphs.
4. Refer to *Write With the Best, Vol. I* by Jill J. Dixon, M.Ed. (found at [www.edudps.com](http://www.edudps.com)) for more detailed information on how to write descriptively.
5. Please note that some pages are practice or plan pages only and are not permanent pages to be placed in the final autobiography. There will be a total of 28 pages in the final autobiography, excluding the practice or work pages and including your title page "The Me You See."
6. On creative pages or pages that require writing, write in pencil first, and then go over it later in black pen. For a more professional look, you can type the writing assignments and paste or tape them to the form.
7. Upon completion of the program, consider having the book professionally bound. Local print shops or online publishers offer this for around \$20.00. Lulu Publishing Services is a great self-publishing company that provides this service ([www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)).
8. Consider celebrating the student's work with an "Author's Tea" where the autobiography is displayed for all to see. Have the student read some of his autobiography out loud.