

Grammar and Writing

PUNCTUATE TITLES CORRECTLY

It is important to **punctuate titles correctly** when you write. Use **quotation marks** for the titles of shorter works, such as short stories, essays, articles, songs, and poems. Use **italics** (or underlining) to set off titles of longer works, including books, plays, magazines, newspapers, movies, and TV series.

Examples:
Iago the talking parrot is a colorful character in Walt Disney’s *Aladdin*.
Edgar Allan Poe wrote the poem “The Raven.”

Directions: Rewrite the following sentences, correctly punctuating each title.

- This month’s issue of Bird Watcher’s Digest is all about songbirds.

- I learned a lot about parrots in the book Guide to a Well-Behaved Parrot.

- The Native American folktale The Herron and the Hummingbird tells why herons eat fish and hummingbirds drink nectar.

- The January issue of Birding has an article called The Howdy Owl and the Prairie Dog.

- I found instructions for building a birdhouse in a book called Birdhouses and Feeders You Can Make.
