



WHAT IS MARCH ON WITH MENTOR TEXTS?

March On with Mentor Texts is an adaptation of the now-defunct ReFoReMo (Reading for Research Month). ReFoReMo Founders Kirsti Call and Carrie Charley Brown passed the torch to me in hopes for me to keep the concept alive. March On with Mentor Texts is a re-visioning of that wonderfully helpful picture book community event.

Basically, each day of the month, we will upload a blogpost from an Author, Illustrator, Editor or other kidlit professional. The blogpost will identify and discuss four or five Picture Book Mentor Texts and how they were used or how they can be used to help children's writers further themselves on their publication journey.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR MARCH ON WITH MENTOR TEXTS?

You will need to follow the Rate Your Story Blog by going to www.rateyourstory.org/blog and subscribing to the blog in field at the bottom. To be eligible for prizes, you will also need to comment with the requested information in the Registration Post. Thereafter, you will need to read and comment on each and every post. See below.



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HOW DO I WIN PRIZES IN MARCH ON WITH MENTOR TEXTS?



Anyone who reads and learns from the posts is a winner, but there are bonus prizes to be awarded.

To be eligible to win prizes, you must have registered on the Registration Post and also have commented on every post during the month. To make this a fun and engaging learning experience for all, please share something of value, perhaps a relevant Mentor Text, or other comment with takeaway value. Perhaps just share a favorite Mentor Text and why. By the end of the month, you will have a list of your own Mentor Texts!

AS AN AUTHOR/EDITOR, HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN MARCH ON WITH MENTOR TEXTS?

We are giving priority to the Rate Your Story Judges (let us know if you would like to be one), and have limited additional spots to fill in our March On with Mentor Text calendar, so the remaining spots are invitation only.

However, if you are interested in being on the waitlist, or writing a Mentor Text Monday blogpost for us, please do e-mail RYS.CyberOffice@gmail.com and express your interest to participate now or in the future, as well as the topic you are interested in.



Mentor Text Monday Post Examples:

[Mentor Text Monday: Lyrical Nature Books \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org)

[Mentor Text Monday: Back to School \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org)

[MENTOR TEXT MONDAY: Unique Main Characters \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org)

[MENTOR TEXT MONDAY: Spinning a Yarn \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org)

[Mentor Text Monday: Those Random Mentor Texts! \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org)

[Mentor Text Monday: Mining Reycraft Books \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org)

[MENTOR TEXT MONDAY With Megan Lacera - A Pow and a Prize \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org)

[Mentor Text Monday - Jennifer Raudenbush Finds Lyrical Layers \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org)

FOR REFERENCE: If you go to the bottom of this document there is a listing of all of last year's posts. I am pretty flexible and enjoyed that there were differences between them. But there must be content, reference to mentor texts in some way, take-away value, a prize and your bio and social media.

WHAT SHOULD I, AS A MOWMT FEATURED AUTHOR, INCLUDE IN MY POST?

POST: Your post should be anywhere from 250 – 800 Words and should include 4 Mentor Text examples that tie-in to your subject matter. A fifth Mentor Text could be a tie-in to your own book!

PRIZE: It is also important that you are offering some sort of a prize to bring readers to your post and promote you. This can be a book, a critique, book swag and or a mentoring session!

BIO: Bio limit is 200 Words. NO EXCEPTIONS, please.

AUTHOR HEADSHOT: Attached as a .jpg to your submission post.

BOOK COVERS: Attached as .jpgs to your submission e-mail. The “suggested” placement of each by name should be noted within the manuscript. For example, [Insert: The Palace Rat Cover Here.]

FEATURED BOOK COVER: One of your own books that relates to the topic and can be included in the post. In addition, if you want to include all or the rest of your books, please create a canva banner image with your author photo and books.

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS: Please include these with your Bio (in your post document). If these are forgotten, the post will go up without them.

PLEASE NOTE: **All MOWMT Posts are due ASAP** as we are behind this year due to my father's illness. Thank you!

IMPORTANT: Please note due to time constraints and other deadlines, bios prizes and social media and such will NOT be added later. So, don't forget any items. If you should forget a prize, I will offer the winner a book of your choice, to be provided by you, the Author. Double-check your submission to make certain you have all the required components (this includes bio, Social Media, Author Headshot, Cover jpegs, etc.). Please

understand the necessity for this request - our first three years were, for the most part, a nightmare of herding cats and incomplete submissions.

SCHEDULE / REGISTRATION POST w/ BookList: February 15, 2024

Registration Post: Lynne Marie

Intro Post: Lynne Marie

PLEASE note for this year, due to extenuating circumstances, all posts will be posted in the order received. We also will refrain from posting posts on the weekend this year. Thank you for understanding.

Wrap Up Post - Lynne Marie



REFERENCE POSTS FROM 2023:

[March On With Mentor Texts: Registration Open! \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org/march-on-with-mentor-texts-registration-open/)

[MOWMT Day #1: Lydia Lukidis Digs Deeper In Nonfiction \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org/mowmt-day-1-lydia-lukidis-digs-deeper-in-nonfiction/)

[MOWMT Day #2: Lauren H. Kerstein Peels Back The SEL Layers \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org/mowmt-day-2-lauren-h-kerstein-peels-back-the-sel-layers/)

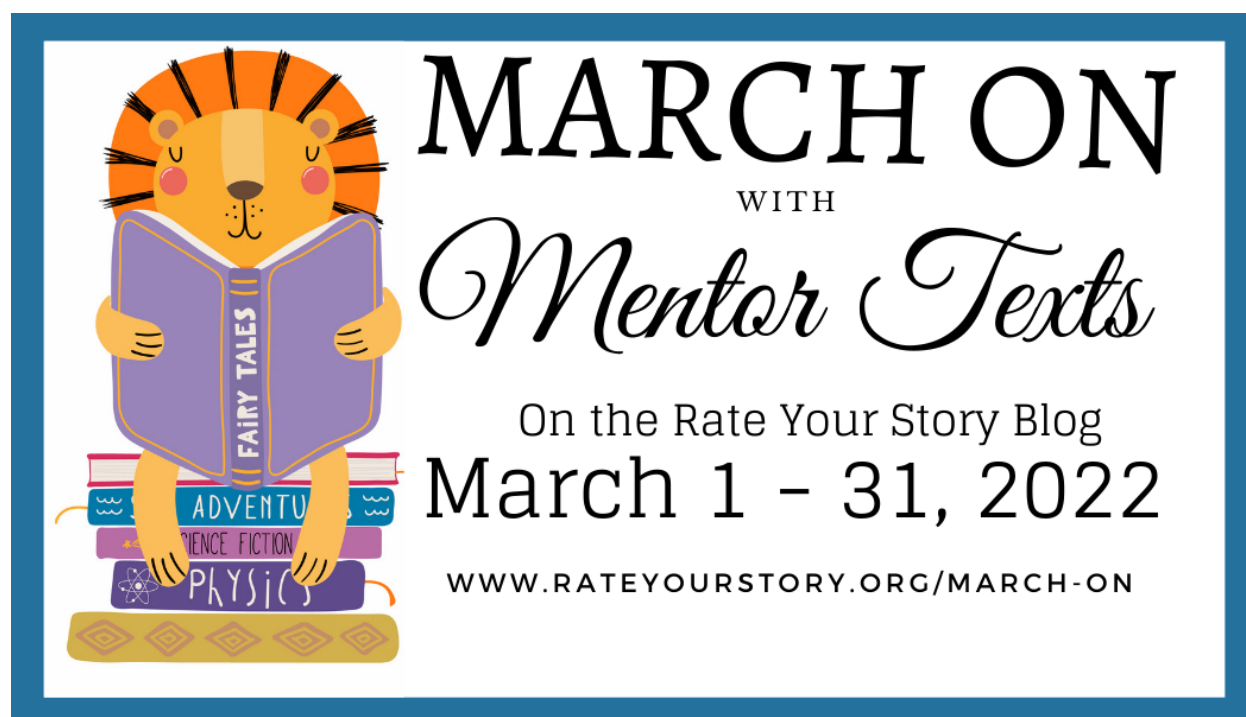
[MOWMT Day #3: Michele McAvoy Pits ER v. ER \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org/mowmt-day-3-michele-mcavoy-pits-er-v-er/)

[MOWMT Day #4: S.K. Wenger Explores Show and Tell \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org/mowmt-day-4-s-k-wenger-explores-show-and-tell/)

[MOWMT Day #5: Ana Siqueira Writes About Tough Topics... \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org/mowmt-day-5-ana-siqueira-writes-about-tough-topics-)

[MOWMT Day #6: Roxanne Troup Informs With Fiction \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://rateyourstory.org/mowmt-day-6-roxanne-troup-informs-with-fiction/)

[MOWMT Day #7: Molly Ippolito Hooks with Books \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #8: Mary Boone Goes Beyond Dates and Places \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #9: Melissa Stoller Builds Bridges \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #10: Jill Dana Explores the Possibilities \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #11: Donna Washington Explores POV \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #12: Bonnie Kelso Finds What's Funny \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #13: Mariana Rios Ramírez Tells Stories w/Spanish \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #14: Lynne Marie Celebrates \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #15: Laura Roettiger Incorporates Social Justice \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #16: Annette Schottenfeld Shares Tips and Tricks \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #17: Vivian Kirkfield Celebrates...Whatever! \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #18: Jennifer Buchet & Spine-Tingling Giggles \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #19: Erin Dealey Can't Find a Mentor Text \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #20: Helen H. Wu Foreshadows... \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #21: Lynne Marie Mines French Mentor Texts \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #22: Nadia Ali Goes Beyond Nursery Rhymes \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #23: Christy Mihaly Celebrates Puppy Day \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #24: Shari Becker & Louisa Jaggar Break the Rules \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #25: Sue Heavenrich Writes About Bugs \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #26: Robin Currie Never Bored of Board Books \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #27: Joana Pastro Uses Sensory Words \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #28: Janie Emaus Packs Prose \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #29: Danna Smith Counts Picture Books \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #30: Heather Macht Forges Another Chapter \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)
[MOWMT Day #31: Lynne Marie and Dea Use Food to Foster Learning \(rateyourstory.org\)](http://rateyourstory.org)



REFERENCE POSTS FROM 2022:

MOWMT Registration Post (with Reading List):

[Hello March On With Mentor Texts! \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/farewell-reformo-hello-march-on-with-mentor-texts)

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/farewell-reformo-hello-march-on-with-mentor-texts>

MOWMT Kick Off Post:

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/top-10-tips-from-carrie-and-kirsti>

MOWMT Day #1 - Lynne Marie / Mining Mentor Texts

[Lynne Marie Mines Mentor Texts \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/top-10-tips-from-carrie-and-kirsti)

MOWMT Day #2 - Vivian Kirkfield / Magic

[MO Day #2: Vivian Kirkfield Makes Magic \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-3-anthropomorphism-with-jill-dana)

MOWMT Day #3 - Jill Dana / Anthropomorphism

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-3-anthropomorphism-with-jill-dana>

MOWMT Day #4 - Melissa Stoller / Tending the Garden

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-4-melissa-stoller-tends-the-garden>

MOWMT Day #5 - Lauren Kerstein / Evergreen Themes

[MO Day #5: Lauren Kerstein Prunes Evergreen Themes \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-6-catherine-bailey-writes-what-she-loathes)

MOWMT Day #6 - Catherine Bailey / Writing What You Loathe

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-6-catherine-bailey-writes-what-she-loathes>

MOWMT Day #7 Mary Boone / Backmatter Matters

[MO DAY #7: Mary Boone and Back Matter Matters \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-6-catherine-bailey-writes-what-she-loathes)

MOWMT Day #8 Christy Mihaly / Mixing It Up

[MO Day #8: Christy Mihaly Mixes It Up \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-6-catherine-bailey-writes-what-she-loathes)

MOWMT DAY #9 - Becky Scharnhorst / Epistolary

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-9-becky-scharnhorst-explores-epistolary-texts>

MOWMT DAY #10 - Marzieh Abbas / Language

[MO Day #10 Marzieh Abbas Lifts with Language \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-10-marzieh-abbas-lifts-with-language)

MOWMT DAY #11 - Roxanne Troup / Refrains

[MO Day #11 Roxanne Troup Explores Refrains \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-11-roxanne-troup-explores-refrains)

MOWMT DAY #12 - Matt Lilley / Extraordinary

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-12-matt-lilley-finds-the-extraordinary>

MOWMT Day #13 - SK Wenger / Magic

[MO Day #13: SK Wenger Deciphers Magic \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-13-sk-wenger-deciphers-magic)

MOWMT Day #14 - Lynne Marie / Double

[MO Day #14 Lynne Marie Explores Double Jeopardy \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-14-lynne-marie-explores-double-jeopardy)

MOWMT Day #15 - Judy Cooper Loves to Learn

[MO Day #15 Judy Cooper Loves to Learn \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-15-judy-cooper-loves-to-learn)

MOWMT Day #16 - Linda Marshall Counts the Ways

[MO Day #16 Linda Marshall Counts the Ways \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-16-linda-marshall-counts-the-ways)

MOWMT Day #17 - Katie Frawley Goes Beyond

[MO Day #17 Katie Frawley Goes Beyond \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-17-katie-frawley-goes-beyond)

MOWMT Day #18 - Lydia Lukidis / Hooks

[MO Day #18 Lydia Lukidis Hooks the Reader \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-18-lydia-lukidis-hooks-the-reader)

MOWMT Day #19 - Marta Magellan / Hybrids

[MO Day #19 Marta Magellan Explores Hybrids \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-19-marta-magellan-explores-hybrids)

MOWMT Day #20 - Adam Blackman / Realistic Fiction

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-20-adam-blackman-explains-realistic-fiction>

MOWMT Day #21 - Lynne Marie / Unique Ideas

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-21-lynne-marie-celebrates-america>

MOWMT Day #22 - Dea Lenihan / Art

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-22-dea-lenihan-fills-the-space>

MOWMT Day #23 - Ana Siquera Transforms

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-23-ana-siquera-transforms>

MOWMT Day #24 - Helen Wu Takes Time

[MO Day #24 Helen Wu Takes Time \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-24-helen-wu-takes-time)

MOWMT Day #25 - Laura Roettiger Separates

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-25-laura-roettiger-separates-the-layers>

MOWMT Day #26 - Heather Macht / CBs

[MO Day #26 Heather Macht Goes from PBs to CBs \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-26-heather-macht-goes-from-pbs-to-cbs)

MOWMT Day #27 - Danna Smith / Board Books

[MO Day #27 Danna Smith Discusses Board Books \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-27-danna-smith-discusses-board-books)

MOWMT Day #28 - Cindy Williams Schrauben / Love

[MO Day #28 Cindy Schrauben Writes What She Loves \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-28-cindy-schrauben-writes-what-she-loves)

MOWMT Day #29 - Rosie Pova / Heart

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-29-rosie-pova-writes-with-heart>

MOWMT Day #30 - Brian Gehrlein / Beginnings

[MO Day#30 Brian Gehrlein Crafts Better Beginnings \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-30-brian-gehrlein-crafts-better-beginnings)

MOWMT Day #31 - Lynne Marie / Threes

[MO Day #31 Lynne Marie Uncovers the Magic of Three \(rateyourstory.org\)](https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/mo-day-31-lynne-marie-uncovers-the-magic-of-three)

MOWMT Day #End - Pledge

<https://www.rateyourstory.org/single-post/congratulations-take-the-pledge>