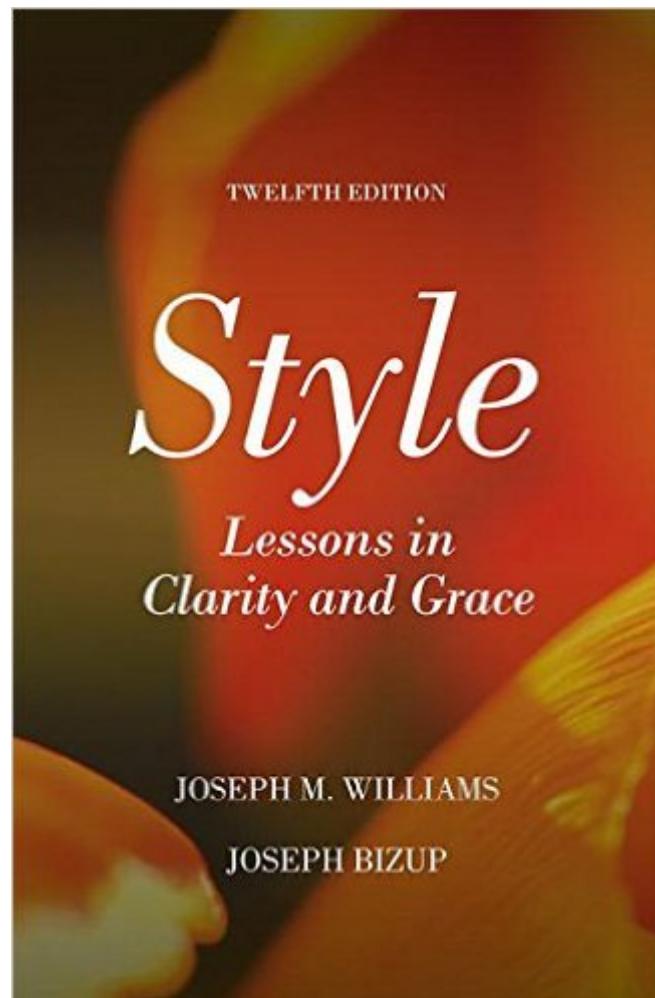


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.Reviewed by C.J.Singh (Berkeley, CA).Years ago, I attended a weekend workshop for instructors of college composition that was led by Professor Joseph Williams, the author of *STYLE*, visiting from the University of Chicago and Professor Richard Lanham, author of *Revising Prose* , visiting from UCLA. They presented lucid and witty summaries of their books, Lanham focusing on revising at the sentence level and Williams on paragraphs. Although their books have gone through several editions since, the core concepts remain the same. Both self-teaching books are on my Listmania's list "Expository Writing: Top Ten Books."While teaching Advanced Editorial Workshop, a ten-week course, at the University of California, I regularly assigned the earlier editions of *STYLE* as the main textbook. Each term, students rated the book as excellent. (The prerequisite to the workshop was a review course, with the main textbook "The Harbrace College Handbook." Although *STYLE* includes a 22-page appendix summarizing grammar and punctuation rules, most readers would be well-advised to reread a standard college handbook, such as Diana Hacker and Nancy Sommers's *A Writer's Reference with Exercises*. See my review on .)Even a brief browsing of Joseph Williams's *STYLE* would persuade most readers that it makes the much touted Strunk & White's "The Elements of Style" look, well, elementary. Simplistic.

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