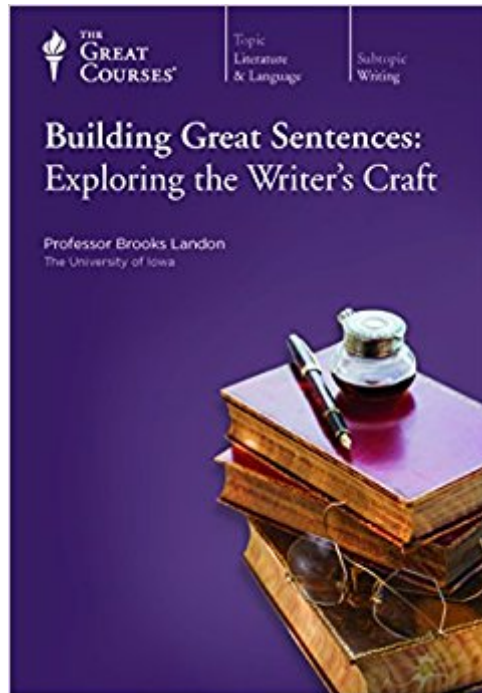




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# Building Great Sentences: Exploring The Writer's Craft



## Synopsis

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Most writing courses I find boring, unbearably repetitious, and fattened with long unnecessary commentary intended to take a paragraph of information and blow it into a book that could rival "Gone With the Wind" for length. Granted, this one does a little bit of that, but it has the kind of information on sentence structure that gives a writer the power to produce rich, textured sentences that would make Shakespeare proud. This is not a grammar book, it doesn't focus on character or plot development; it targets the creation of artistic sentences. This book is well worth your time.

The lectures are well written and professional delivered. They include interest facts and answer questions that I had never thought to ask. The new facts made me think and I discovered techniques for writing that give me new options. I will listen to the lectures for a second time because I am sure that there is even more to learn.

Perfect!

This an excellent and enjoyable course, after listening to it several times, I still find it enjoyable, and

still discover many new perspectives on how sentences can work better, and, as evident in this failed, but enjoyable effort in this sentence, its fun to try his teachings every time I write.

To be fair, though, I've only managed to get through four sessions,so perhaps the best is yet to come. The sessions I've completed have been full of theory, with no practical applications. Also, it seems to me the instructor talks a lot but says very little, if you know what I mean. But don't let me discourage anyone, this is just my opinion as of this date, 10-5-13. If my opinion changes after I complete all lectures, I'll be sure to provide an update.

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