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Books about making books can fall into two categories - the 'hands on' DIY type craft book and the slightly worthy commodity type approach 'from timber to page'. This volume chooses the strengths of each by encouraging the child reader to produce his or her own book through following the stages (if not the techniques) of commercial production.

A clear explanation of these stages is accompanied by attractive colour photographs of modern publishers and printers at work. Interwoven with this is a systematic account of how to create a book of one's own, with sound practical advice and discussion of the choices available together with useful tips on issues such as choosing a typeface. More photographs show a group of children in the classroom producing their own book on the weather.

By choosing to go for 48 pages instead of the more usual 32, Wayland have given themselves space to pursue the two parallel strands of their subject without subjecting either to undue compression.

Most valuable in the context of classroom work, this would also be a useful title for the school library where it might complement the Alike book dealing with the same subject.

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