

Get Published! Get Produced!
By Peter Miller
Lone Eagle Publishing Co, 1998
ISBN: 0943728738
Nonfiction-How-To Writing

Learning from Samples

**A Guide for Commercial Success
Hits Some Marks Well**

Reviewed by Carolyn Howard-Johnson, reviewer and columnist for MyShelf.com, author of *This is the Place, Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered* and the *Frugal Book Promoter* and the *Frugal Editor*

Sour grapes is not a food that feeds the soul or the tummies of hungry writers. I am here to tell you that the virulent reviews posted on Amazon about Get Published! Get Produced! by literary agent Peter Miller might better be ignored.

A single book cannot do everything for everybody. This one teaches the art of selling your work. At its best it does so by giving out actual samples of query letters, synopses, and other selling tools. There isn't one that isn't an excellent guide for a budding writer with her sights on commercial success.

As a former publicist, my queries, media releases, etc., are adequate. I still wish I'd had this book as a guide when I was shopping *This Is the Place!* I like it so well, it is one of the volumes I recommended in my own recent book on promotion, *The Frugal Book Promoter*.

Further, who's advice can you trust if not a guy who reads proposals and queries. He's the one who accepts and rejects them? He knows what works for him and, by extension, what works in the publishing industry.

Carolyn Howard-Johnson's first novel, *This is the Place*, and her second book, *Harkening: A Collection of Stories Remembered* are both award-winners. She is an instructor for UCLA Extension's Writers' Program and has shared her expertise on publishing and writing at venues like San Diego State's world renowned Writers' Conference and Call to Arts! EXPO. She was recently awarded Woman of the Year in Arts and Entertainment by the California Legislature and her nitty gritty how-to book, THE FRUGAL BOOK PROMOTER won USA Book News' "Best Professional Book 2004." Her website is: <http://www.HowToDoltFrugally.com>.