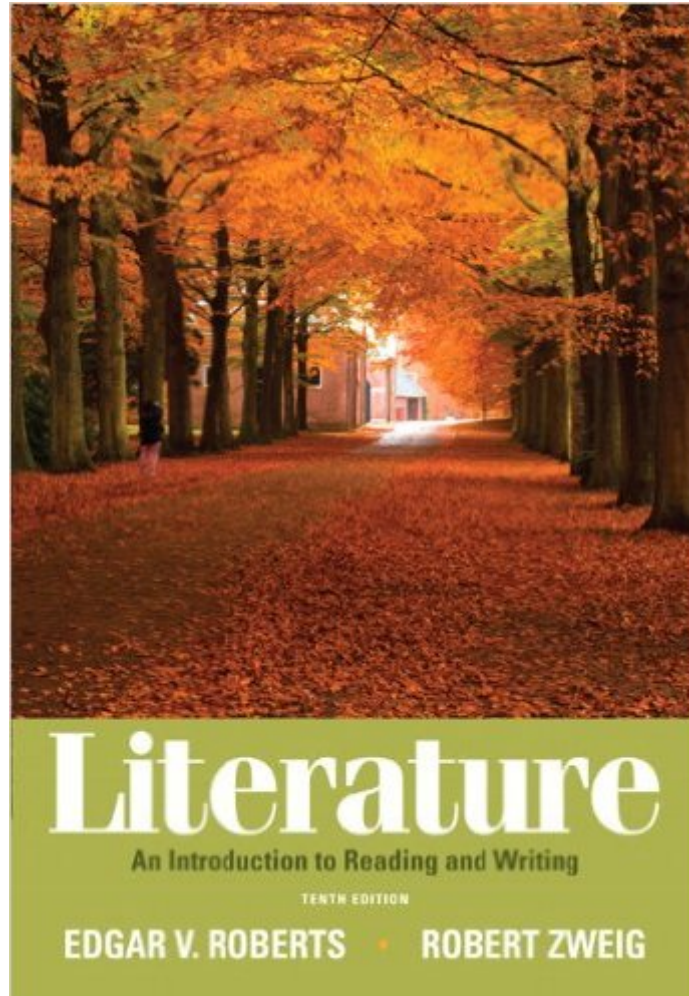


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I have a friend (M.A. Lit) who uses this to teach literature to high school students. So, when I was looking around for something to use when I teach, I took a look at this (7th ed). I also looked at Perrine's literature book (recommended by a different friend) as well as Roberts' Writing About Literature. (Sorry; I can't figure out how to underline the title.) The literature book is basically the same as Roberts' writing book. There are a handful of pages of additional lesson material in the

writing book (like about films), and some (many?) of the illustrative examples are different. The literature book has much more material, though. Is that additional material necessary? I really didn't look that closely. Perrine (8th ed) has fewer excerpts. However, I found that a good thing. There are definitely some excerpts in Roberts' book that I won't have my students read. I think Perrine was wise to be more selective (and still included all the "major" players as well as pretty much the same selections from those authors). It also makes the material much easier to use. When I flip through Roberts' book, I have to go past a lot of stories. I was primarily looking for teaching material. I think he could have followed up with a list of suggested additional reading (per chapter) instead. I prefer the way the instruction is presented in Roberts' book. Visually, it is offset to separate the ideas in a given chapter. Perrine's text doesn't visually indicate breaks. Substantively, Roberts has more detailed explanations. For example, he discusses how characters are disclosed in literature. Perrine only explains different literary terms about characterization. Roberts includes biographies on some authors. That's a nice touch.

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