

# The Mechanics of Writing Titles

**The Black Stallion**  
Grammar: Writing Titles

A **title** is the name of a creative work. Writers indicate titles in certain ways. For longer works, such as books, movies, plays, or the names of newspapers or magazines, writers underline titles when they are writing them by hand. When these titles are printed, they appear in italics.

## Book Title

The Girl Who Rode Like the Wind

## Thinking Question

When writing by hand, how would you show that *The Girl Who Rode Like the Wind* is a book title?

**1–8. Identify the titles in the following examples, and write them in the space provided.**

1. Our local *Daily Recorder* had a story of a boy who raised horses.
2. Allen Verman wrote a book about his childhood pet entitled *My Very Best Friend*.
3. The movie about five castaways was called *Trapped on an Island*.
4. I learned a lot about animals from the movie *Friends, Servants, and Saviors*.
5. The film *My Pretty Pony* told the story of a young woman and her horse.
6. I read a fascinating book called *My Life on a Desert Island*.
7. My cousin appeared in a play called *The Boy Who Loved to Ride*.
8. *Barn and Stable* is my favorite magazine.