

## **The Child at the End of the Pencil: Handwriting as a Multidisciplinary Challenge**

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The book presents the typical development of writing from infantile scribbling to adult handwriting, and the many possible obstacles it may face along the way. The book is unique in its in-depth, comprehensive observation of the manual aspect of writing and the values of preserving the skills it entails in the era of computer usage. The book exposes teachers and educators, and anyone interested in writing, to the ways of teaching and evaluating the actions of hand-writing and to the types of diagnosis and intervention for students coping with difficulties in writing and with dysgraphia.

The factors involved in producing all writing, specifically handwriting, and the coordination of these factors are described using the knowledge corpora of experts in education, occupational therapy, psychology, linguistics, movement, graphology, medicine, and orthoptics.

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