BIRD BRAINS

Grammar and Writing

PUNCTUATE TITLES CORRECTLY

It is important to punctuate titles correctly when you write. Use quotation marks for the titles of shorter works, such as short stories, essays, articles, songs, and poems. Use italics (or underlining) to set off titles of longer works, including books, plays, magazines, newspapers, movies, and TV series.

Examples:
Iago the talking parrot is a colorful character in Walt Disney’s Aladdin.
Edgar Allan Poe wrote the poem “The Raven.”

Directions: Rewrite the following sentences, correctly punctuating each title.
1. This month’s issue of Bird Watcher’s Digest is all about songbirds.

2. I learned a lot about parrots in the book Guide to a Well-Behaved Parrot.

3. The Native American folktale The Herron and the Hummingbird tells why herons eat fish and hummingbirds drink nectar.

4. The January issue of Birding has an article called The Howdy Owl and the Prairie Dog.

5. I found instructions for building a birdhouse in a book called Birdhouses and Feeders You Can Make.