# Selected Writing Neil

- B 5.9 The chase with egg head eek!
- 6.2 The Bird Machine
- 6.11 The little boy is going into the house.
- 6.19 The Indian was going hunting.
- 6.20 He shot a deer.
- 6.21 He came home in the moonlight.
- 6.22 He is cooking the deer.
- B 6.23 Rocket in the yard
- 7.21 This is a war
- 7.24 TEPEE
- 7.28 Robber going to rob the bank
- 8. ND This is a swimming pool. There is three people there. One is diving. One is swimming. And one is burying something The End
- 8.20 (Dict) Once there was a ship. They started out to sea. They spied a sea monster. They turned the boat and started back. Then the sea monster started getting closer and closer. Then he got so close that he bit a hole in the ship. Then they threw the life boats over and they started again. Then the sea monster started after them again. Then they went so fast that the sea monster couldn't catch them. They got to shore, then they left the life boats there and ran into the cabin. They couldn't see the sea monster. So they went back into the cabin and took a rest. In a little while, they heard a noise. It was the sea monster ran away and never came back. Then they went to sleep and never had trouble again.
- 8.25 The wizard is trying to catch a thief With his curled roof car.
- 8.69 These two people escaped from jail . The jail man is calling for help and the jail truck is after them and the truck man is At them school.

- 9.9 This is a dragster. And there is a man under the bridge . He Is trying to chisel the bar to get the dragster.
- 9.10 This is a train with a prisoner.
- 9.11 This is a man looking for some buried treasure.
- 9.87 This is a house. It got covered over by a flood. The people are safe.

9.91 An elephant escaped from the zoo. He started down the main street of town. The zookeeper discovered he was gone. He got in his truck and started after him. He saw the elephant turn the corner . They caught him and put him back in his cage with a zookeeper.

The end.

9.131-133

Once there was a squirrel. He lived in the green forest with his friend chipmunk. One day a forest fire started. The squirrel was eating a grinder when he heard a noise. It was the fire. He ran to chipmunk's house. Chipmunk was taking a nap. He woke up chipmunk. "We must get out of here," he said to chipmunk. There is a fire and it is burning your house up so we must get out of here before we burn up. So squirrel and chipmunk ran to Black Forest and they found a new house. The next day a blizzard started. So squirrel and chipmunk stayed inside the house all day and played cards. The next day the ground was covered with snow. They had breakfast and went outside to play in the snow. They made a snow fort and had a snow ball fight. Then they went in for supper and then they went to bed. They lived there happily in their new house for many years.

The end.

10.266-10.273

#### Neil's Book

There are little bugs that fly over the top of the water. This is what it looks like.

There are lots of pretty little rocks in the stream.

There is one place that is covered with moss and it looks neat. And there some water spiders and this is a picture of one.

The water spider eats the little bugs that I told you about in the beginning.

I moved down the stream aways. There is a big rock in the water. It makes a island in the stream.

There are some blood suckers in a nest in the water. They're just sitting there.

And this is what they look like.

# 11.67 Tool Book

11.67 All the heads or blades were made out of bone or rock. And all the handles were made out of wood. All the tools the Indians made were made out of natural materials.

The bone flaking tool was used by the Pequot, Mahican, and the Montauk. They lived in the Northern part of America. They used the bone flaking tool for making arrow and spear heads.

The hand adz was used by the Plingit, Aleut, and the Kwakiutl. They live in the Western coast of North America. They used the hand adz for wood working. They used it like a plane, pulling it toward yourself.

The hafted(?) stone maul were used by the Aleut, Central Eskimo and the Kwakiutl. They used the mauls like hammers. It was used in the Northwest part of America.

Some of the Indians that used the large adze were the Tling and the Nootra. The large adze was used like a hoe. The head is made out of P  $\,$ . The large adze was used in the Northwest part of America.

The Nerhrite chisel was used by Nez Perce, Nootka and the Kwakiutl. They used the nephrite chisel for cutting down trees. The blade was made out of nephrite. They used the nephrite chisel in the Northwest part of America.

Noodland hunters (Adnak, Mohican, Pocumtuc) The crooked knife has a wooden handle and the blade is a beaver tooth. It is used palm down with the thumb resting agaist the turned over end and the blade projecting on the little finger side. Cutting was done by pulling the blade toward the user's body.

11.4 How the Armadillo got his armor

Once there was an animal that was called Dillo. He was hunted by the lioness. The dillo did not have any protection from the lioness. So one day the dillo prayed to the Gods fdor a suit of armor. The next morning he felt something heavy on his back. It was the armor that he had wished for last night. And from that day on he was called armadillo.

11.8 One day I was walking in the woods looking for sticks for my fort. I saw a shadow in back of a tree. I put my sticks down and walked toward the tree. A big grey monster ran out from behind the tree. I scream and ran through the woods as fast as I could. I came to the edge of the woods. And started running down the hill toward my house. I climbed over the fence and ran inside. I told my mother that I saw a big grey monster and I scream and I ran home as fast as I could. The next morning I rode my bike up the road. I was going to try to find the monster. I went home and got my camera. And went up into the woods. I went to the place where I saw the monster and climbed a tree. I sat there for a half an hour then I climbed down and walked further into the woods. Then I climbed another tree. Then I saw the monster. It was eating its breakfast. I was hiding from the monster but the monster wasn't hiding from me. So I set my camera and took my picture. The monster stopped eating and looked around., Then started to eat. I must have sat there for an hour. Then I saw the monster go away. So I climbed down the tree and walked home. I told my mother I saw the monster again and

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got a picture of it. It had long claws and it had slanted eyes. The next day the story was in the newspaper. A lot of people didn't believe that I saw it.

# 11.12 John Dreere Tractors Hollywood, California 54321 Dear Sirs,

The other day the motor in my tractor ell out. So I threw the remains of it out. A week later I bought another tractor. The minute I started using it, the motor blew up. So now I'm in the hospital. I would like it if you would do something about your tractors.

Sincerely, Neil

#### 11. The Water Passages

I liked walking through long passages that are filled to my stomach with water. And as you are walking along, all of a sudden there is a little drop off. Then the water gets shallower and shallower and your legs get heavier and heavier. And then you climb out of the water and your boots go squish, squish and then your legs weigh 2 times more then they're supposed to.

## 11.34

Tom was late getting home that night from the party. He had to walk for miles to get home. On the way home, Tom heard some strange noises. He was getting nearer to slimey swamp. It was getting foggy out. As he was passing the swamp he saw a boat with a green slimy figure in it. Tom took one look and ran as fast as he could. He stopped when he came to the bridge that went over bubbling stream and looked up at the haystack in the field. There was only one haystack in the field. He looked up and saw a big hairy thing. He ran the rest of the way home. Locked the doors and got into bed. The next morning Tom went to the bridge.

11. Park Street

North Bennington, Vermont 05257 January 31, 1977

Dear Jimmy,

Last night there was a great snow storm. There was lightening and thunder and the wind was going at about 90 miles an hour. The next morning there was 3 feet of snow. The trees were all covered with snow. I made a bird feeder and put bird feed in it and then I shoveled the walk. And then I went skiing and got back in time for supper.

Sincerely, Neil

## Penguins

Penguins weigh about 75 lbs. And are 16 to 48 inches tall. They travel in big groups. Penguins first appeared on earth about 55 million years ago. They live and nest in South America, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Antarctica.

The penguins has a thick layer of fat and their body is covered with black and white feathers. There are about 300 feathers to a square inch. Penguins are the only birds in the world that have flippers instead of wings. Penguins only eat when they are in water. They fast while on land. Penguins have an unusual way of protecting themselves. If they think their enemy is in the water they will push one of themselves into the water and if it is eaten, they won't go into the water. If it is all right they go in.

## Mountain Lion

11.20 The Mountain Lion is a large animal of the cat family. Mountain lions once lived throughout the forests of the United States. The mountain lion has other names like cougar, catamount, puma, and panther, a name also given to several other kinds of cat.

An adult mountain lion may be either a gray color or a reddish or yellowish color. A full-grown mountain lion may be 4 to 5 feet long or even more,not counting the heavy tail, which is 2-3 feet long. The body is slender, and the legs are long. The head is round and rather small. Mountain lions have from one to five cubs at a time. The cubs weigh about 1 pound at birth. Adults care for their young until they are able to survive alone. They may live to be 10 to 12 years old. The cry of the mountain lion is wild and terrifying. It sounds like a woman screaming in pain. The animal also has a soft whistle call.

# 12.1 Fire, Earth, Water

One morning a man named Jack was out picking berries for breakfast. As he was walking home, he thought of the wonderful thing that earth gave him. After Jack had eaten breakfast, he went fishing. After he went for a long walk in the woods. When he got back, it was time for lunch. He went to the stream to get some water to boil the fish. But when he was home, he decided to have the fish fried again and got some wood and started a fire and fried his fish. By the time it was done it was supper time so after Jack ate, he went to bed.

12. Last Halloween Ben Grae and Joe Blue were walking down Doms Lane. When they saw Dracula. Ben's hair turned white with fright and Joe screamed and started to run home. But Ben was frozen to the ground. Joe called him, but he didn't move.

Last Halloween Mr. Glla said he saw a witch flying around the moon. He told the police but they didn't believe him. So Mr. Glla said, "OK I'll prove it to you." So the next night the police came to Mr. Glla's house. They stayed there all night but there was no witch. Then the next night he saw the witch again.

Farmer Sam (he lives in the country of Grava) said he saw a ghost come out of a grave. His wife didn't believe him so he decided to show her. The next night he sent her out to the porch to watch in the middle of the night. She came running in and said, "I saw it. I saw it. It was horrible, it didn't have a head and you could see through it."

#### 12.7 At the Zoo

It was Jim's first day at the zoo. He came to some enormous gates. He went in and saw a gigantic elephant. Then Jim went into the rat house and saw a huge rat. Jim got out of there as fast as he could. Next, Jim walked to the eagle cage. There he saw a mammoth Eagle. Then he saw a stupendous ant. Jim went and got a earth snaking grinder. Then Jim went home. At the gates he saw a tremendous sign that said, The Big Zoo. Then Jim went home.

#### 12.10

Jo and Frank were going on a two day camping trip to Mount Mitrin. They were packing the night before so they could get a good start. Jo was the first one up. The next morning he woke up Frank and they had breakfast. Jo and Frank had to walk 3 miles before they came to the bottom of the mountain. At 8 they reached the mountain. They stopped at the bottom for a rest.

Halfway up the mountain Frank saw a deer. He ran after it, but he slipped and fell in a hole. The hole had stairs leading to a door. Frank called Jo and then they went in. It was like a large tunnel, but it had a carpet on the ground and pictures on the walls. They walked to a door at the end of the tunnel. Jo opened it. Inside there was a fire going. The room was round and there were shelves full of books. There was a table in the middle of the room with a lantern on it. There was another door leading out. So Frank and Jo went into the next room. It was a kitchen with all the kitchen utensils. There was a stairway leading up. They went up stairs. There was a bedroom. There was a door leading out to a balcony. They went out onto the balcony. There was a stairway that led down to a garden. Jo and Frank looked around the garden. Then they went down a llittle path that led out. The path went back to the woods. They talked about it for the next two days then they decided to go back again. They went back and looked for a day but they couldn't find it. A year later a man was wandering on Mount Mitrin and he found the place. He stayed in it for two days and then went home and wrote a story about it. After that, nobody could find the mysterious place. The End

One day I was walking down one of our paths when I came to a fork. I said to myself, "that path was never there before. Someone must be adding on." So I decided to take the new path. After I walked about a mile, I came to a clearing in the woods. And the path all of a sudden stopped. I looked around for the path. But the end of it just led to the foot of a large tree. I knocked on the tree. It was hollow, so I tried to kick it. A door swung open. There was a ladder leading down and a light switch at the top of the ladder. I turned it on and climbed down the ladder. The ladder was about 50 feet long. I finally reached the bottom.

The tunnel was dark, so I looked for another light switch. I found one. I turned it on. Instantly the tunnel lit up. I started down the tunnel. I walked about a mile when I came to another door. I opened it. There was a staircase leading down. I climbed down and came to a bigger tunnel with little tunnels leading off. I walked for about 2 miles. I passed 8 passages. I came to the 9. I stopped. There was a light on. I walked down the passage. I came to a door. I opened it. Inside there was a stove, a sink, a table and a chair. Upstairs there

were two beds. I looked around and decided to leave. So I kept walking. I was getting hungry. I had been in the tunnel for about 3 hours.

I walked for another 2 miles . I came to a long ladder and climbed it. I got to the top and pushed open the door and I was out of the tunnels. I followed a path back to where I started. It was five miles. It was dark when I got home. My mother and father were waiting for me. I told them all about my adventures. Then I went to bed.

12.28

Ralph and Ron were in their hideout making a plan to steal the millionaire safe. The millionaire lived five miles from their hideout. Ralph and ron figured out a plan. They would go to the house every week at night to dig a tunnel under the house. Ten days later they had a tunnel under the house. Now they had to remove a tile from the cellar floor without the guard around.

That night Ralph and Ron went through the tunnel they came to the tile. They listened for footsteps. There were none. They opened the tile and climbed out. They walked down to the elevator, but it was locked and Ralph had forgotten the skeleton keys. So they had to go back home and try again the next night. The next night they came back with the skeleton keys . but when they got back to the elevator, the keys didn't work. All of a sudden the elevator started coming down. They ran into a room . The door opened and the guard walked out. Ron hit him over the head and knocked him out. They jumped into the elevator and went up to the first floor and went into the safe room. They carried it to the elevator and went to the cellar. They carried it to the tile and put the safe through into the tunnel and climbed in after it. Half way through the tunnel they came to a cave in. So they started to dig it out.

The next morning the police had surrounded the house. But Ralph and Ron were still digging. But they didn't know the police were above them. The police had followed the to the cellar but they passed by the tunnel. Ralph finally broke through the surface but had come up on the other side of the wall so that the police didn't see them. They pushed the safe out. Then they started carrying the safe to where the car was hiding. But it wasn't there. So they hid it in the woods. The police detective had found the tunnel and gone down. He came to the cave in. He climbed out of the tunnel and found the safe in the woods. So the detective stationed the police where the safe was and the brought the safe back to the millionaire.

The next morning at 2:00 o'clock but when they came to the place where they had left it but when they got there they few police stepped out and asked then where they were going. Ralph said they were going rabbit hunting. The police asked where their guns were. Ron said they were hunting with rocks. But the police said, "You'd better come with me." The next morning Ralph and Ron were arrested and got put in jail. But a week later they were gone and there no trace of them any where. But Ralph and Ron were in Florida sun bathing on the beaches.

#### 13.1 What I like to do for Thanksgiving

I like going to my relatives because I like to travel. But when you get there it's a lot of fun. If you go to my cousins, you have a lot of fun playing with my cousins. And if you go to my grandparents' you can smell all the food being cooked. And both places have a television (we don't have one so we can watch television). My food I think of when someone asks me about Thanksgiving is cranberry sauce. This year out family is going to my grandparents' house and my cousins are going to their grandparents' house too.

Have a good Thanksgiving.

#### 13.10 Running Away From Home

Bill sat looking out of a window watching the cars go by. He had nothing to do now that school was out. Bill was bored. He had no excitement in his life. Bill lived in a big town in Kentucky and he was in his second year of high school. He didn't have any friends and had never gone on a trip.

Bill walked away from the window and thought how much fun it would be to run away for a couple of years. Bill thought about running away for a week and then on Saturday he decided that he would go to Michigan. A week later he had everything ready to go. Bill had bought a backpack a knife and some good hiking boots. The next morning Bill got up at 3 o'clock and went to the kitchen packed his pack with half the food that was in the pantry. Then he went to his parents' room and took money. Then he took his pack and was on his way North.

When the sun rose, Bill was walking along route 103. Not very many cars were going by so Bill didn't have much of a chance to hitch a ride. Around now Bill came to the border of Kentucky and stopped to have lunch. Bill was just outside of a little town. So he found a restaurant and had some milk. As Bill was drinking his milk he looked at his pack and saw that he had forgotten his sleeping bag. After lunch Bill looked around town for a store that sold sleeping bags. He found one at the end of Main Street. At sun down, Bill had found a place to sleep about a mile out of town. After a week of hitchhiking and walking Bill had gotten as far as Ohio without any trouble from the police.

One day the police did stop him and asked, "What are you doing walking along this turnpike? ", Well, OK" "We'll take you the rest of the way up to Williamsburg. You aren't allowed to walk on this highway." They drove in silence. When they got there, "Bill said, "Thanks for the ride." He walked up the road a little ways. Then turned around. The police were still watching him. Bill was getting nervous, finally he walked over to a house and knocked on the door. No one answered so he walked in. No one was inside, he walked over to a window and looked out. The police had just started to drive away. Bill was so relieved, he left the house and began to walk the road again.

A few weeks later Bill got to Michigan. It was a lot colder than in Kentucky. Bill stayed there for a couple of weeks but he was getting home sick. He thought about his town and how much better it was than this town, and how nice it would be to sleep in his bed again. Bill thought for a couple of more days. Then he go t on a bus for Kentucky and was on his way home. He got home and went to his house, No one was home so he put away his sleeping bag and his knapsack. Then he took a nice hot shower and got dressed in nice clean clothes. When his mother came she said, "Well it is nice to see you again. " Bill said "Oh" and went over - looked out the window and watched the cars go by.