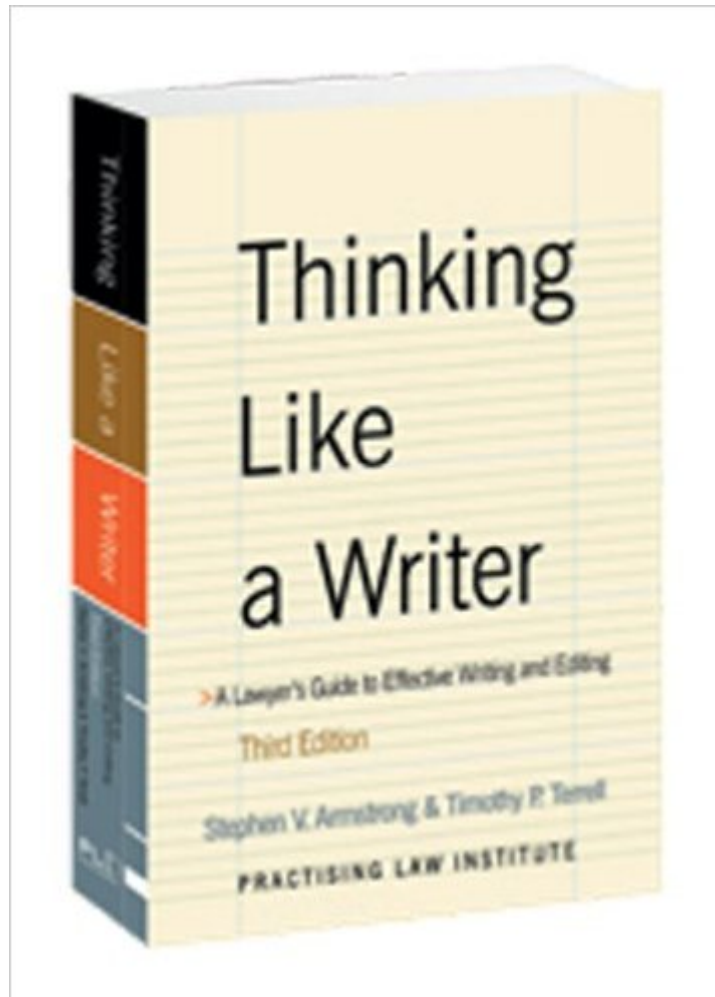


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# Thinking Like A Writer: A Lawyer's Guide To Effective Writing And Editing



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