The First Skateboard in the History of the World (Textbook p. 508)

**SKILL: Nonfiction**

Each writer has a unique style, or way of communicating his or her ideas.

Betsy Byars achieves a casual, friendly style through:

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| Element of Style | Example | Effect on Reader |
| Short Sentences or Fragments |  |  |
| Realistic Dialogue |  |  |
| Humorous Tone | Lines 72–73: “I did win the contest, but neither of my parents congratulated me on the win.” | Helps me laugh with Byars as she looks back on the foolish things she did as a child. |