

Make Your Own Picture Book

A 12-page kit for ages 4–9. Print it, staple it, and let a child publish an actual book this afternoon.

What's inside

1 book cover · 1 character sheet · 1 story planner · 8 story pages · 1 about-the-author page · 1 published-author certificate

How to use it

1. Print single-sided on any paper.
2. Do the character sheet first — a hero the child invents beats a hero you suggest.
3. Fill the planner before drawing. Three sentences is a whole plot at this age.
4. Draw first, write second. Writing to a picture is easier than picturing what you wrote.
5. Staple down the left edge and read it out loud together. Sign the certificate.

If the drawing is the blocker

Some children have the story but stall at the illustration and quit. If that's yours, they can describe the story instead and get it illustrated at www.doodara.com — free, in the browser, no account needed — then print it and keep going with this kit.

There are also 31 finished books to read for free, no sign-up, at www.doodara.com/template-books — useful as a read-aloud model before a child writes their own.

Reading time notes · what they invented today

MY PICTURE BOOK

Draw your cover here

TITLE

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY

My Hero

Before the story starts, decide who it happens to.

Draw your hero

My hero's name is _____

They are _____ years old.

The thing they love most:

The thing they are scared of:

One thing nobody knows about them:

My Story Plan

Three sentences. That's a whole story.

1 · At the start

Where is your hero, and what do they want?

2 · Then something goes wrong

What gets in the way?

3 · At the end

How does it work out, and what changed?

Draw what happens first

About the Author

Every real book has this page. Now yours does too.

Draw yourself

_____ is _____ years old.

This is a book about:

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The hardest part to draw was:

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My next book will be about:

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

Published Author

This certifies that

wrote and illustrated an entire picture book

TITLE OF THE BOOK

DATE