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Book Cover Stories

Aim:

Snooping around bookshops and libraries is great fun. Different book covers can grab your attention, give you hints and clues to the stories and adventures within.

Imagine if you were writing a book! Which book would you choose, and why? In this worksheet we're going to find out...

What you'll need:

- Colouring Pencils
- Paper

Step 1:

First of all make sure your imagination hat is on? Done?! Right next get thinking. If you were a book what kind would you be: A cookbook packed with scrumptious food? A thrilling adventure book with daring escapes? A page-turning, stomach plunging Superhero book? Choose any kind of book, the list is endless...!

Step 2:

Grab your colouring pencils and design a cover for your book! Make sure you include the title of the book and the author's name (that's the person who wrote it, which is you!). Try to think about how to catch the book reader's attention by making the front cover as eye catching as possible.

Think using different colours and shapes. Can you make the title stand out? Remember the design of your front cover will give your readers hints about what it's about and perhaps what to expect inside! So how would a horror, be different from a romance story?!

Step 3:

Write the first page of your book. If you have created a book cover for an adventure story, this will be the beginning of this story, or if it's a recipe book, you might want to include your favourite recipe for chocolate buns.

The start of a book is often called the introduction or Chapter 1. Usually readers will be introduced to the main character or perhaps a cliff-hanger moment that the rest of the book is based on (perhaps the discovery of an empty picture frame where a famous painting should be!).

This is your book, and your story, so have fun using your imagination.

If you prefer, instead of writing your story, you could find someone to tell your story to and show them the book cover you have created for it.

Results

You will have designed a fantastic eye-catching book cover that any library or bookstore would be proud of. Share it with your family!

We would love to hear your stories and see your book covers too. Take a photograph of the cover design and the written page and send to participation@castindoncaster.com, or keep writing your book.