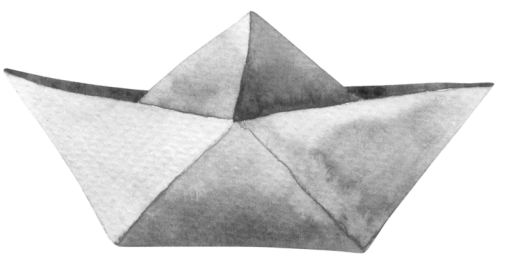
# Make Your Own Mystery Book

## Creative Writing Activity Book for Kids



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# How to use this Book

1. **Learn** about story structure. Flip through your book and look over the grayscale illustrations for some ideas.

2. **Create** your title page. Include your name and dedication, or you can save this part for last.

3. **Write** your story on the blank lined pages using a pencil so you can make corrections if you need to. You can make one story or multiple short stories.

4. **Color** each scene using colored pencils. You can add your own drawings too.

5. **Read** through your book and see if you need to make any final changes.

6. **Share** your new book with your family and friends.

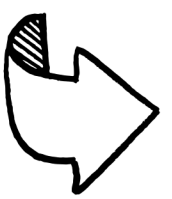
# Grayscale Coloring

1. **Color** in layers using a light circular motion. The different shades of gray can be used as a guide to match how light or dark your colors should be.

2. **Add** your own drawings, patterns, and textures wherever you see fit.

3. **Outline** or add color with ink or gel pens for a polished look.

4. **Practice** coloring on the collage sheet.



Grayscale designs make coloring high-quality images easy since the shading is already done for you!


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# Story Structure

1. **Characters** are the people or creatures in your story. They should be interesting and relatable, overcoming challenges and learning from them. The main character is the hero of your story. You can also add a villain with reasons for their actions.

2. **The setting** is where and when your story takes place. It should also include how things look, feel, smell, taste, and sound.

3. **The plot** is the order of events that make up your story. Start your story by introducing your characters. Build up the action with conflicts. Once you reach the climax (the most exciting part) it is time to add in the events leading to the end.

4. **Conflict** is a problem that needs to be solved or an obstacle to overcome. Readers love conflict and can't wait to read on to find out what happens next.

5. **Resolution** is how your story will end. Know your ending before you start writing, it will help with your plot. Your ending should solve the problems in your story and tie up any loose ends.



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# About the Author



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