



ACTIVITIES & IDEAS

Find some activities or ideas to explore the categories and finalist books of the 2021 Kids' Book Choice Awards. Anyone can tackle these, although some might be more geared more towards a younger audience and others towards an older one.

- What friend or family member would you want to be your partner in a picture book duo? Invite them to help you come up with the title and cover of a brand new book.
- Ask an adult to help you write a letter to your favorite picture book duo, telling them what you love about their book and asking them questions about how they worked together to create it.
- Take a look at the picture book page finalists. Pick your favorite and try to mimic the art style used.
- Draw a page for your own picture book. Show it to someone and tell them what your picture book would be about.
- Pick your favorite of the illustrated characters and draw it as part of a scene you make up.
- Draw a sidekick for one of your favorite illustrated characters.
- What would the next title of your favorite early reader series be? What about the next five books?
- Write the first page of the next book in one of your favorite early reader series.
- What is your favorite book in the Kindergarten - 2nd grade category? Read it to a friend or ask someone to read it to you.
- Pick one of the books in the K-2nd grade category that you don't know and ask someone to help you learn more about it, borrow it from the library to read.
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- If you wrote a book of facts, what would it be about? List your top favorite facts about that subject to start off your book.
- Take a look at the Favorite Book of Facts finalists. Now come up with some of your own facts (both true and made up) about that topic. See if a friend or family member can tell the true facts from the made up ones.

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- Write a fan letter to one of the Favorite Author finalists. Tell them what you love about their book and ask them questions.
- Pretend you are someone's favorite author and they are interviewing you. Create your own interview questions and answer them.
- Start off your own graphic novel. Draw a few big boxes on a page and add your characters, speech bubbles, and background.
- Which of the graphic novel finalists is your favorite? Do some research and discover other books by the same creator that you can read.
- Pick a book from the 3rd-4th Grade category that you have not read and give it a try.
- Offer to read one of the books in the 5th to 6th grade category out loud to someone.
- What is a topic of one of the 3rd - 4th grade finalists that you find most interesting? Do some research to learn more.
- Choose a finalist in the 5th to 6th grade category that you love. Start planning a sequel to that book. You can write an outline, draw, or write the first few pages.
- If you wrote a book of facts, what would it be about? List your top favorite facts about that subject to start off your book.
- Pick one of the Best YA Cover finalists and redraw the cover in your own style
- Make a list of the elements of a cover. Now create your own using your own title and story idea.
- Brainstorm titles for your own true story. What about the true story of your family, a friend, your town, or something important that has happened in your life.
- Write your own short biography to accompany your true story.
- Take a look at the social media of the digital presence creator finalists. What kinds of things do they share and what are they passionate about?
- Make a list of the things you would share on social media if you were a book creator. You can even take on that persona for a day and actually post for friends to see.
- Of all the fantasy world builder finalists, which is your favorite? Think about the world they have created and add your own ideas to build on that. Think about the history of the world, other powers people could have, different religions and more.
- Start creating your own fantasy world by making a list of ideas, drawing, or writing a fake encyclopedia entry about it.
- Read one of the Teen Book of The Year books you do not know.
- Re-read your favorite Teen Book of the Year book.

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