



# How to Create a Children’s Book Outline - PDF Workbook

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**Action Items: Complete each section below.**

**Author Name:**

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**Working Title of Book:**

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**Outline:**

## 1. Main Character

a. Name:

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b. Gender:

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c. Age:

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d. Appearance:

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e. Strengths:

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f. Wants / Desires:

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g. Weaknesses:

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**2. Sidekick (Optional)**

a. Name:

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b. Gender:

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c. Age:

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d. Appearance:

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**3. Mentor (Optional)**

a. Name:

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b. Gender:

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c. Age:

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d. Appearance:

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**4. Villain (Optional)**

a. Name:

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b. Gender:

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c. Age:

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d. Appearance:

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e. Strengths:

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f. Wants / Desires:

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g. Weaknesses:

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**5. Home Town**

a. The town/place that the Main Character calls home:

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b. Present Day or Period of Time:

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c. What does the Main Character like about their town:

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d. What does the Main Character dislike about their town:

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e. Townspeople's opinion of Main Character:

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**6. The Shake-Up** (Disruption to the Main Character's world)

- a. What is something new that happens: For example: Main Character learns new Information, A villain enters the town, Weather event

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- b. What is the Main Character going to do about it? (How will they fix it?)

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**7. Action & Learning**

a. How will the Main Character attempt to fix the problem?

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b. How will the Main Character attempt to fix the problem?

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**8. Problem Solved**

- a. How does the Main Character solve their problem so that their world is whole again.

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**9. Character Arc**

- a. How has the main character changed? What did they learn as a result of fixing the problem?
- b. Common examples:
  - i. Learned how to be more loving
  - ii. Learned how to be more brave

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