



AUTHOR TALK WITH GWEN & FINN

You can be a creator, too!





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author & creator

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Finnegan
Count
Smoooshie
Tushie





Tell us in chat
if you have a
pet!

What kind?

What is its
name?

Do you ever wonder what
they're thinking?



let's hear from Finn's book

*by Finnegan Count Smooshie Tushie,
as transcribed by Gwen Romack*

persona:

- someone's personality
- a role or character adopted by an author or actor





What are Branch
and Poppy's
personas?

How do you
know?

What clues were
there?



Write down clues about Finn's
persona while you watch these
short videos



How would you describe Finn's
persona?

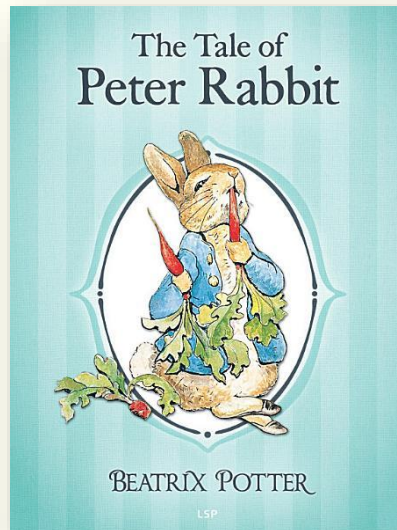
Tell us in the chat window.

wiggle-butt break

two ways to publish a book

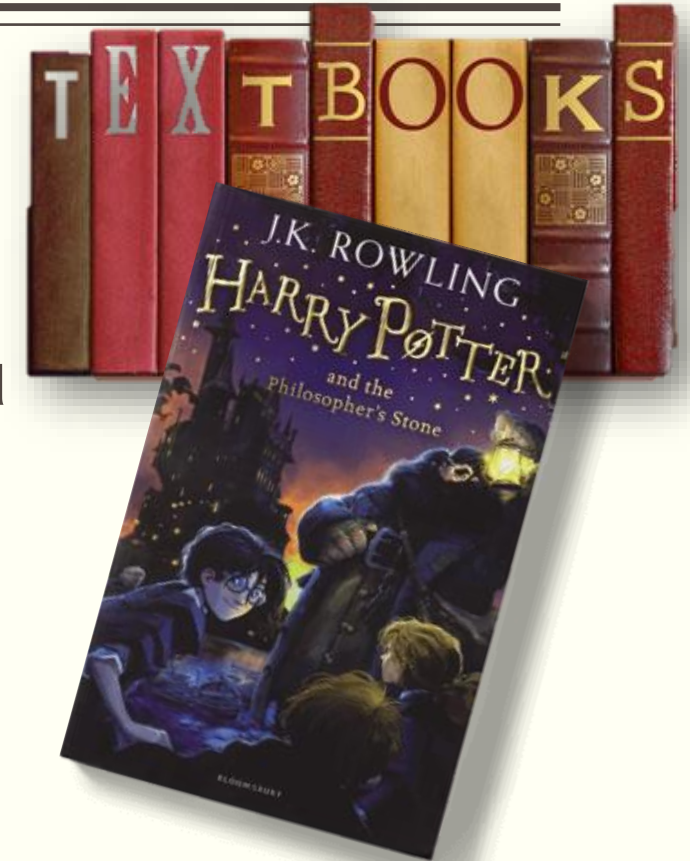
Traditional:

- author writes a book
- author gets a book agent & agent helps find a publisher
- publisher handles all the formatting, printing, distribution and marketing



Independent:

- also called “self-publishing”
- author writes a book
- author handles all the formatting, printing, distribution and marketing with help from editors, cover artists, and companies like Amazon and Ingram Sparks



Let's see what you remember!

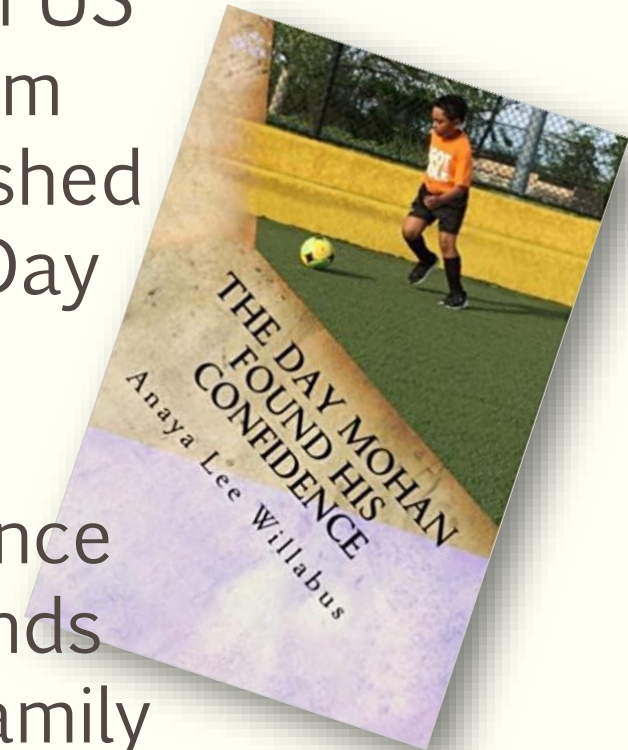
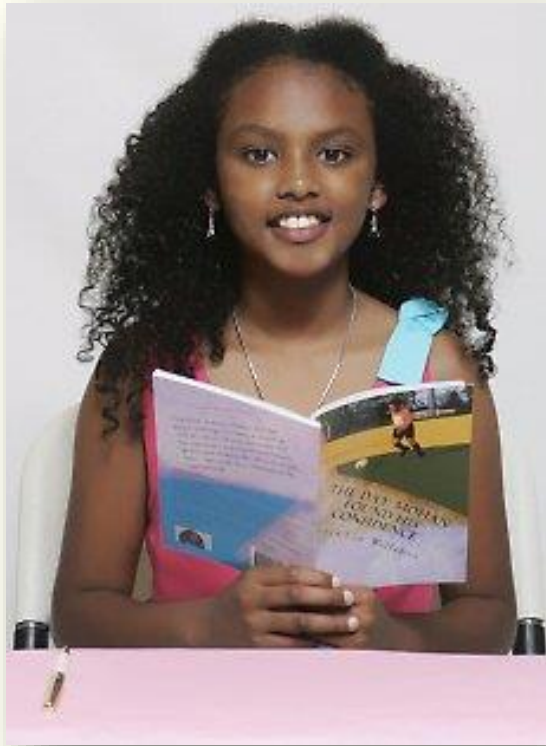
Please type in the chat window:

1. What is at least one thing that is different between traditional and independent publishing?
2. What is a persona and how do you know a character's persona?

awesome young authors

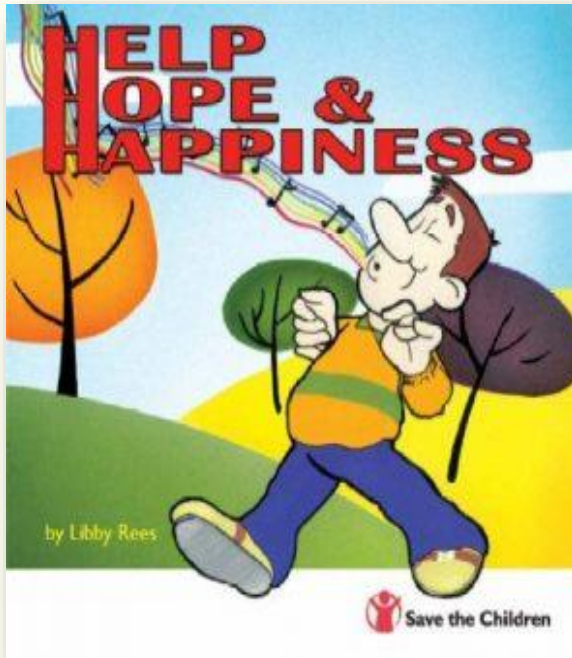
Anaya Lee Willabus is the youngest person to publish a chapter book in US history! This nine-year-old girl from Brooklyn, New York wrote and published her own chapter book titled "The Day Mohan Found His Confidence".

It features a boy struggling to balance life at home and school. She reminds readers that with a little help from family and friends, anyone can overcome challenges.



awesome young authors

Libby Rees, of Hampshire, England, was nine years old when she wrote 60 pages on how she dealt with her mother and father's divorce. She sent her manuscripts to various publishers and eventually signed a deal.



Her book, “Help, Hope, Happiness” is full of positive messages and tips on self-help, such as: take time to be alone, or to focus on the positive things, and to do things that make them happy or can release frustration.



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Mattie Stepanek was born in 1990 with a rare disorder that made life hard sometimes. He became known for his poetry and positive outlook.

His poetry was published in six best-selling books, as well as a collection of peace essays, and lyrics for “Music Through Heartsong”.



What do YOU like to create?



you can do it!

QUESTIONS?



writing challenge

Persona writing challenge helpers



1. Write a story about an animal that includes a **clear persona**.
2. Illustrate something from the story by drawing, painting, taking a photo or using images.
3. Email Finn your final work to **see if he can describe your character's persona**.

writing challenge prep

- Take 3-5 mins now to decide what animal you will write about and write down some ideas about a story.
- Type “READY” in the chat when you’re done organizing your thoughts.



wrap up



1. Handouts:

- the writing & illustrating challenge
- coloring page
- information for parents

Email Finn your story and a picture of your coloring book page when you're done! We would love to see your **CREATIONS!**
finn@thefinnchronicles.com

2. Watch this fun video about how to be a dog star!

Parents: check out the *Schools & Parents* page on the website for more info and an easy link to Finn's email!



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parent stuff

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