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Write a Sequel

What happens to the characters in your book after you finish reading the final page? Why not create a sequel? A *sequel* is a book that is published after the first book has enjoyed success among readers. For example, the sequel to Madeleine L'Engle's novel *A Wrinkle in Time* is *A Wind in the Door*. A sequel picks up where the first book left off.

To begin a sequel to your favorite book, first think about how the original story ends. What adventures might the characters have next? How do they continue to grow and change?

Now, write a rough draft of your sequel. Edit for grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Come up with a compelling title.

Finally, write or type the final draft of your sequel on clean paper. Consider illustrating your book. You may choose to write your sequel in a notebook or bind your pages using a variety of methods.

Whatever you choose, your sequel is sure to provide exciting reading for others who have finished the same book and wondered, "What happens next?"

