



## Write to the Author

Many authors love to get letters from their readers, telling them what people liked best about their books. You can write to an author and send your letter in care of the book's publisher. The publisher's address is listed directly after the title page. (To make sure your author is still living, do a search on the Internet, typing your author's name into a search engine.)

First, write a rough draft of your letter. What do you want to say to the author? You might mention characters or scenes you liked best in the book. Maybe you want to describe what you learned from the book or how it changed you. Feel free to tell the author a little about yourself, as well. Include such information as your age, grade, and interests.

Now, copy your letter on nice paper. You may want to decorate it with drawings or stickers. Perhaps you'll enclose a picture of yourself, as well. Make sure to put your name and address at the top of your letter so that the author can write back to you if he or she wishes.

Finally, fold your letter and put it in an envelope. Write your return address in the top left corner. In the middle of the envelope, write the author's name. Below that, write "care of" and then the publisher's name and address.

Don't forget to affix a first-class stamp before you mail your letter. In a few weeks or months, you may be surprised to receive a letter back from your favorite author!

