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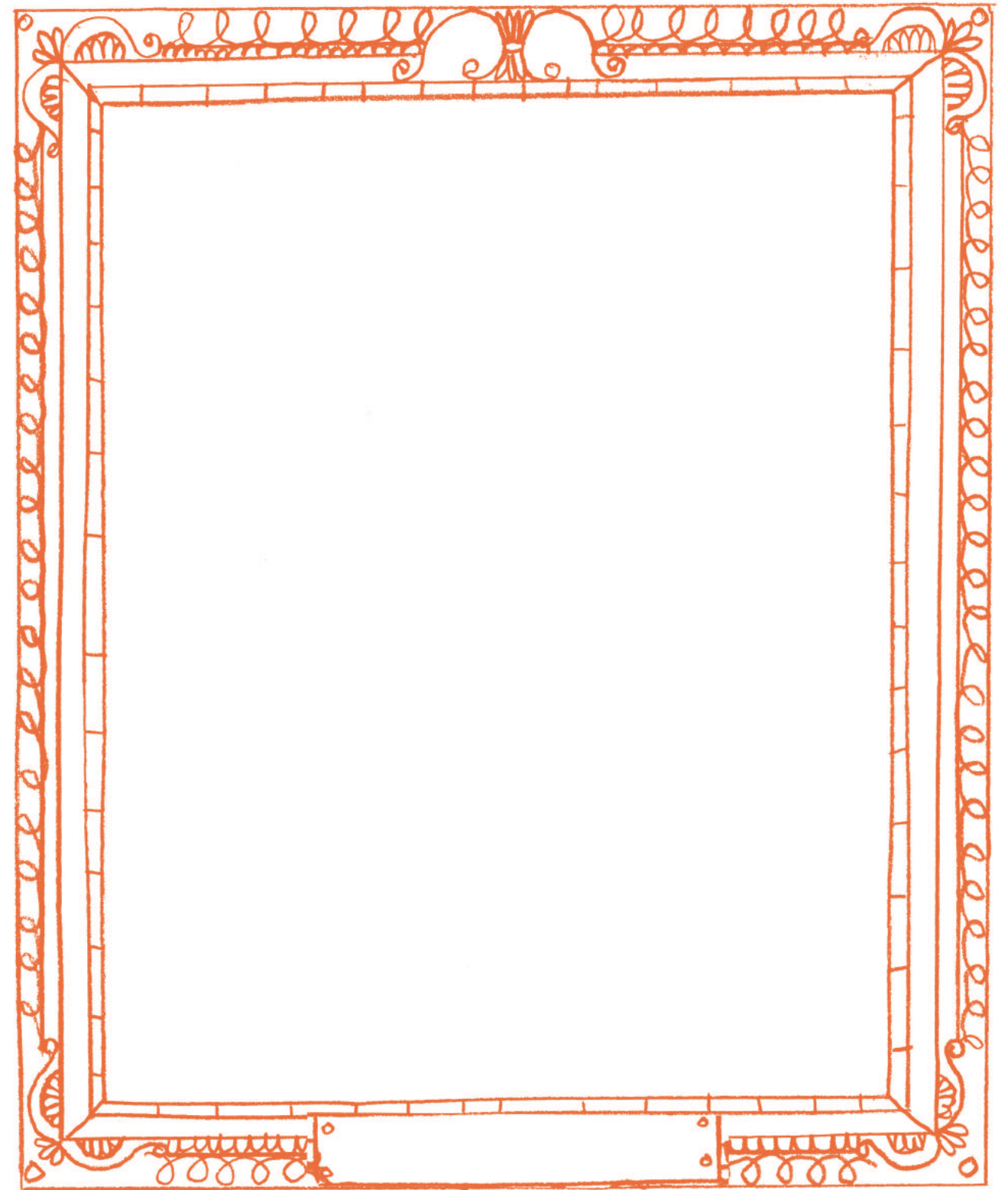


INTRODUCTION

THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY
HAS MANY PORTRAITS OF CHILDREN'S
WRITERS- AUTHORS AND POETS.

IN THIS ACTIVITY BOOK YOU WILL
DISCOVER SOME OF THE MAGICAL,
FANTASTICAL AND MYTHICAL WORLDS
AND CHARACTERS THEY HAVE CREATED
WITH LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR YOU
TO TRY!

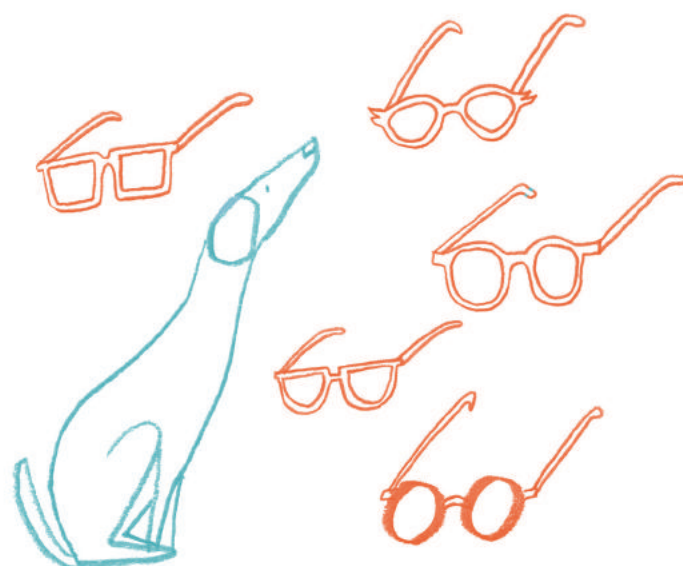
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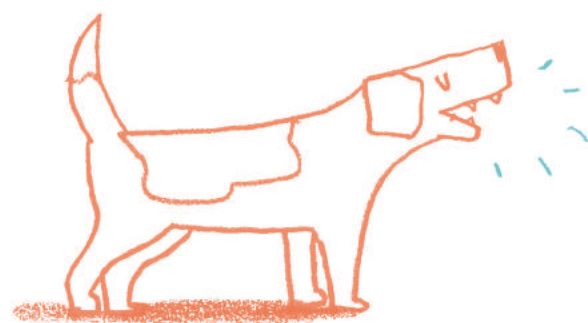
YOUR NAME

JOHN HEGLEY

POET, MUSICIAN, COMEDIAN Born 1953



JOHN HEGLEY WRITES AND PERFORMS POEMS AND SONGS. HE OFTEN WRITES ABOUT VERY ORDINARY THINGS BUT IN A VERY SILLY WAY. TWO OF HIS FAVOURITE SUBJECTS ARE DOGS AND GLASSES.

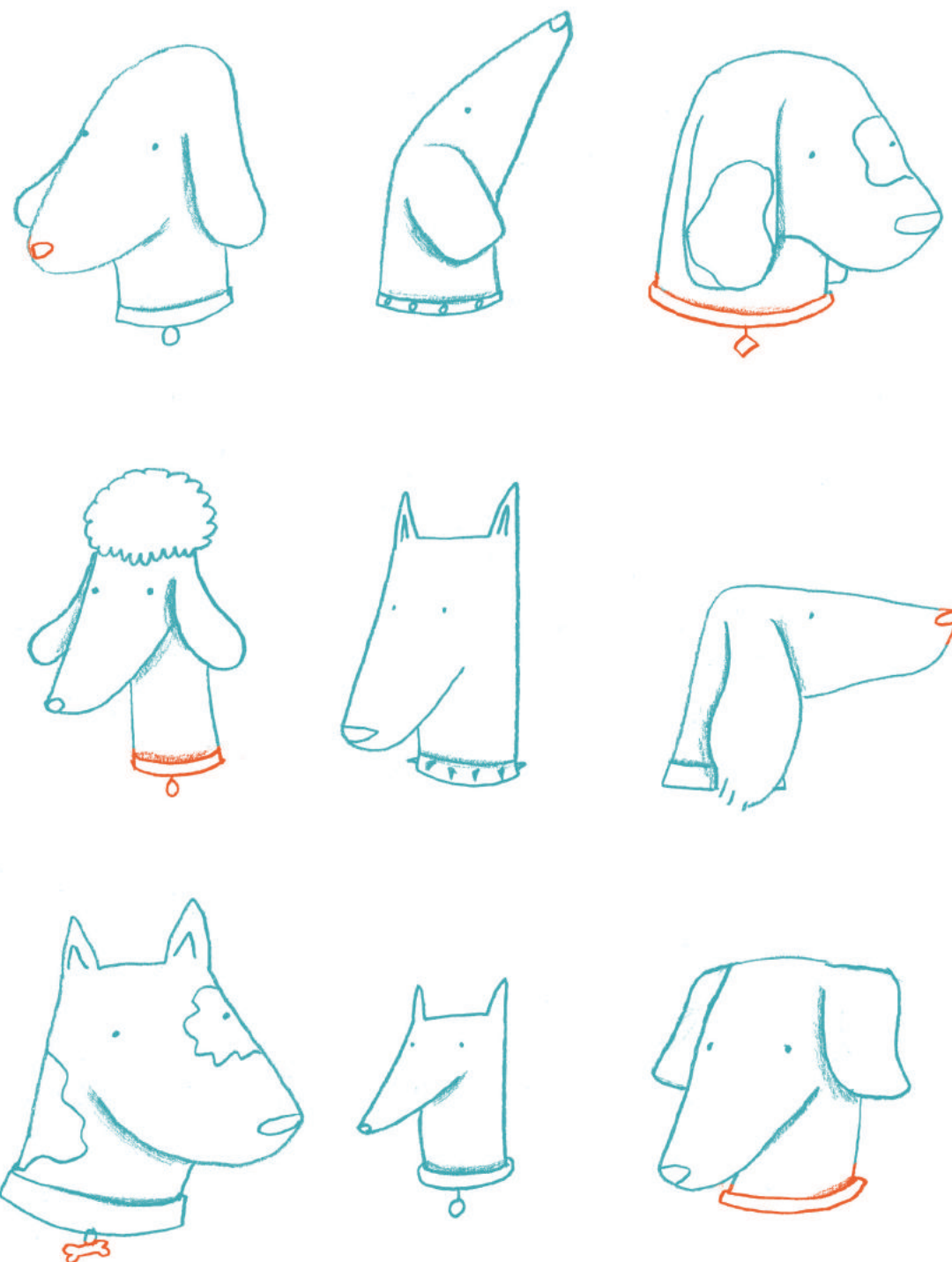


THIS IS ONE OF HIS POEMS →

My doggie don't wear glasses
So they're lying when they say
a dog looks like its owner
aren't they.

© JOHN HEGLEY

WHAT KINDS OF GLASSES WOULD THESE DOGS WEAR? DRAW THEM ON & COLOUR THEM IN!



ROALD DAHL 1916-1990

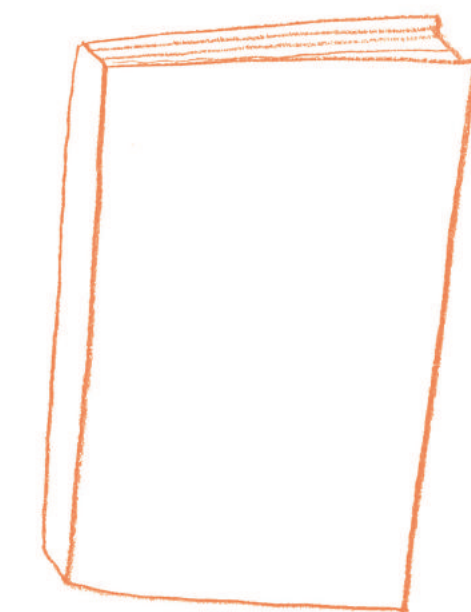
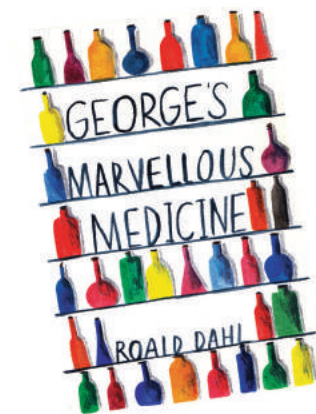
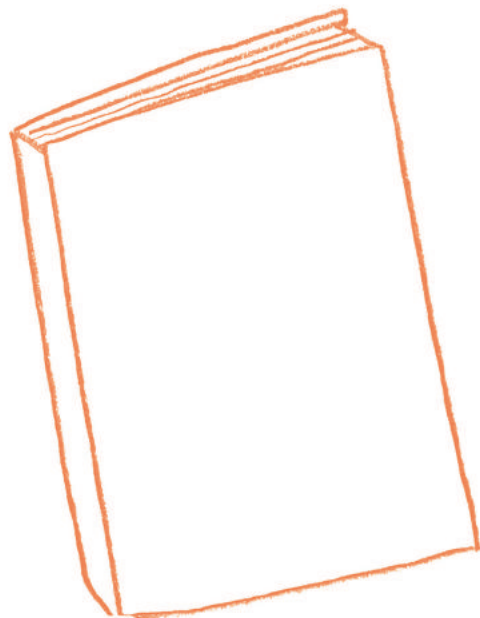
WRITER, POET, PILOT



ROALD DAHL WROTE 19 NOVELS, 9 NON-FICTION BOOKS, 12 SCRIPTS AND 13 SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS. HE WAS ALSO A FIGHTER PILOT IN WORLD WAR TWO. HIS BOOKS ARE READ ALL OVER THE WORLD AND HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO FILMS, TV SHOWS AND STAGE-SHOWS. HOW MANY HAVE YOU READ?

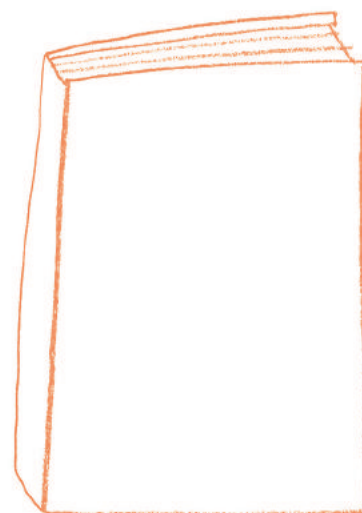
CAN YOU DESIGN COVERS FOR THESE ROALD DAHL TITLES?

The Twits ↓



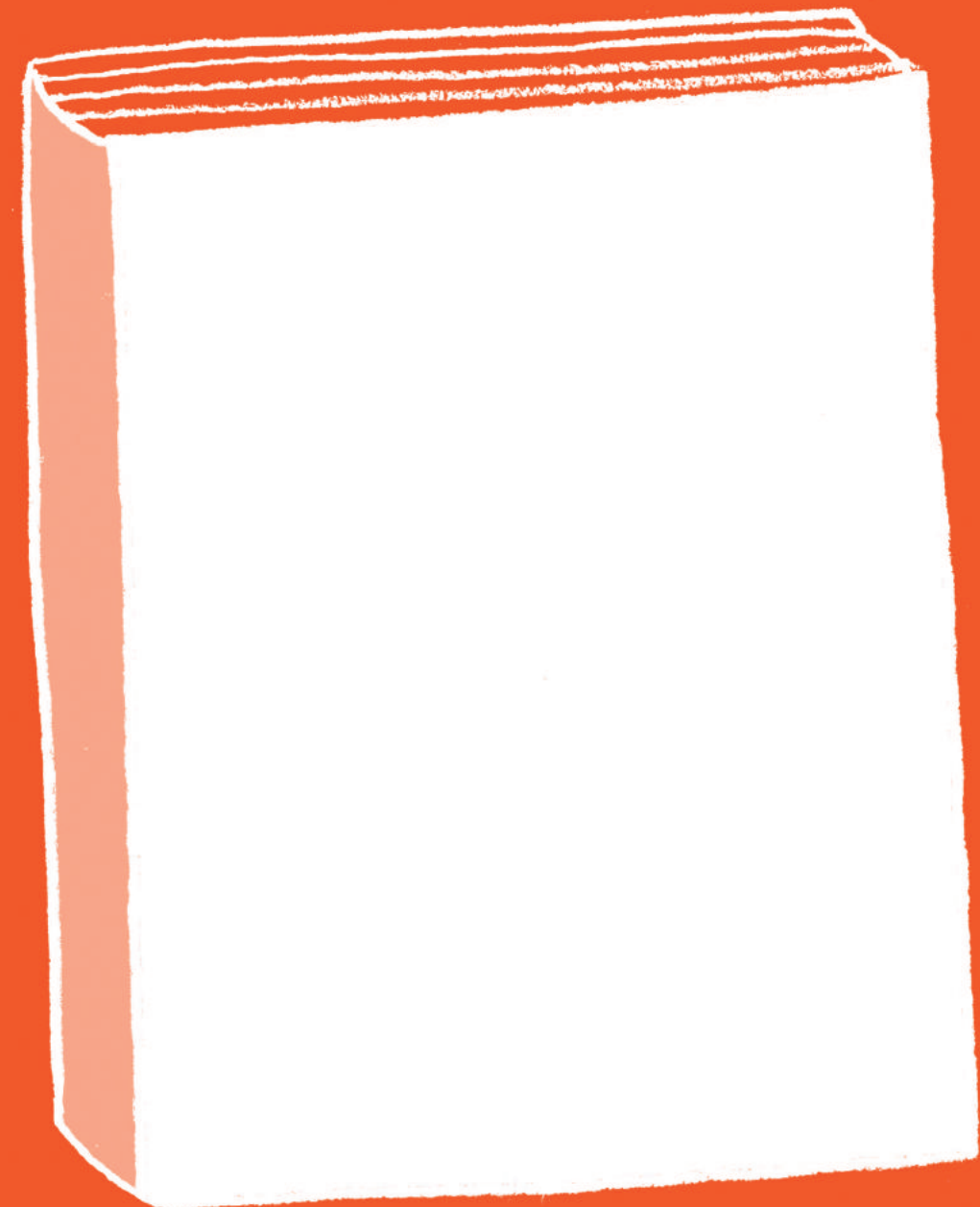
↑ The B.F.G

Matilda ↓



WHAT IF ROALD DAHL WROTE A BOOK ABOUT YOU? WHAT WOULD IT BE CALLED? WHAT WOULD THE COVER LOOK LIKE?

draw it here ↓



J.K. ROWLING

BORN - 1965
WRITER

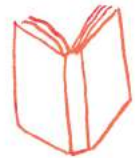


J.K. ROWLING CREATED THE HARRY POTTER BOOKS. SHE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA ON A TRAIN JOURNEY!



HER WIZARD-FILLED BOOKS HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO 61 LANGUAGES, SOLD OVER A QUARTER OF A BILLION COPIES WORLDWIDE AND BEEN MADE INTO FILMS!

THE ARTIST WHO CREATED THIS 3D PORTRAIT WAS INFLUENCED BY TOY THEATRES. IN THE PORTRAIT J.K. ROWLING IS SEATED AT A TABLE - COULD THIS BE WHERE SHE WROTE HER BOOKS?



SHE IS EATING BREAKFAST. THE EGGS REPRESENT HER THREE CHILDREN.



LIKE THIS PORTRAIT, IMAGINE CREATING YOUR DREAM ROOM. WHAT OBJECTS WOULD REPRESENT YOU? YOU CAN BE AS TRUE TO LIFE OR AS MAGICAL AS YOU LIKE (JUST LIKE J.K.)



HERE'S THE SPACE TO HAVE FUN AND COME UP WITH IDEAS FOR YOUR 3D ROOM. AT THE BACK OF THE BOOK IS A SPECIAL TEMPLATE TO ACTUALLY BUILD YOUR DREAM ROOM.



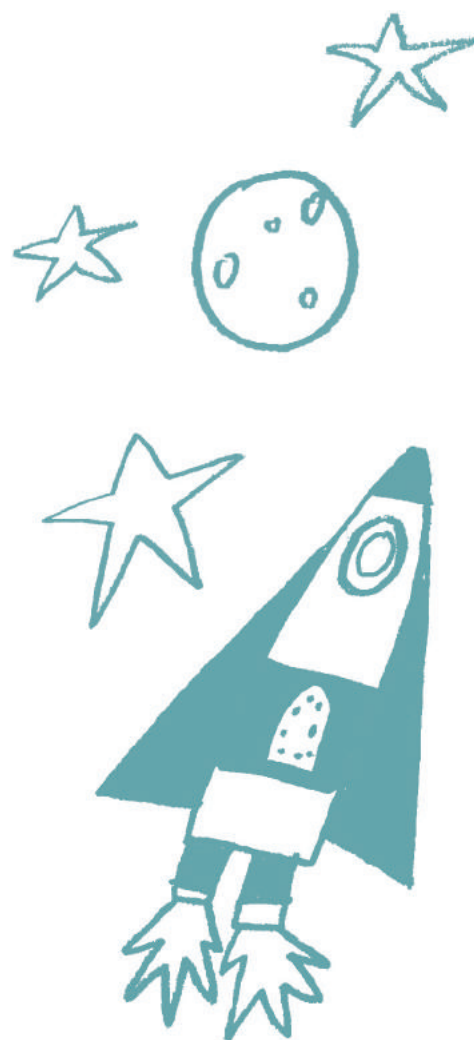
★ DOUGLAS ADAMS

1952-2001 WRITER



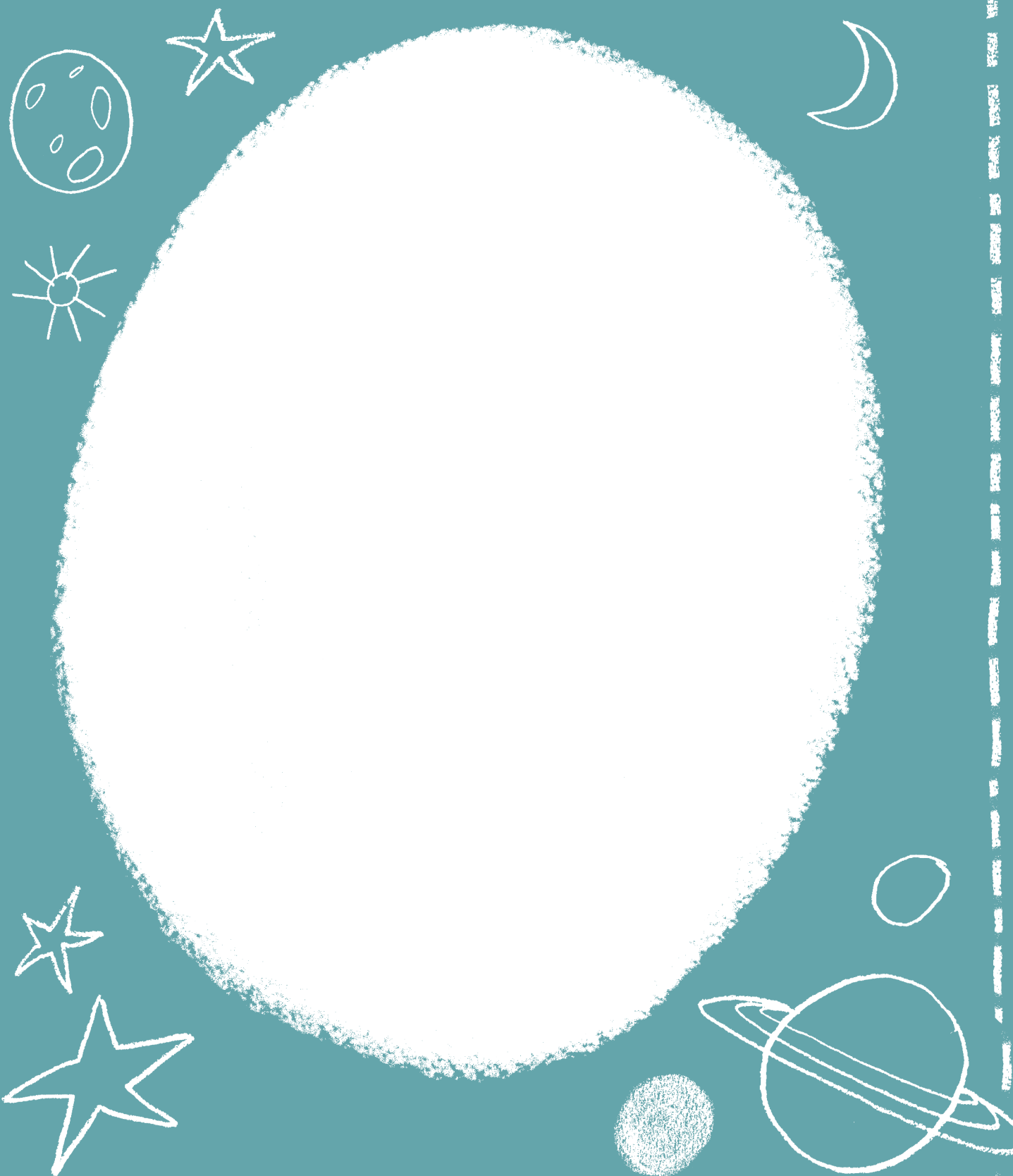
DOUGLAS ADAMS IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS VERY FUNNY AND INVENTIVE RADIO AND TV SERIES, 'THE HITCH-HIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY', WHICH HE ALSO PUBLISHED AS A SERIES OF BOOKS. THE MAIN CHARACTER EXPLORES THE GALAXY BY HITCH-HIKING ONTO A PASSING SPACECRAFT.

THIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS DOUGLAS ADAMS AND A GALAXY OF PING-PONG BALLS!



DESIGN YOUR OWN ALIEN!

ALSO WHAT WOULD YOUR SPACE-CRAFT LOOK LIKE?



MALORIE BLACKMAN

BORN 1962, WRITER



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MAGICAL JOURNEYS AREN'T ALWAYS POSITIVE OR HAPPY. SOMETIMES AUTHORS TALK ABOUT A FUTURE THAT'S BAD. MALORIE BLACKMAN USED HER BOOK 'NOUGHTS AND CROSSES' TO TALK ABOUT RACISM IN A FICTIONAL FUTURE.

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SHE EXPLAINED CHOOSING THE TITLE OF HER BOOK:

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"NOUGHTS AND CROSSES IS ONE OF THOSE GAMES THAT NOBODY EVER PLAYS AFTER CHILDHOOD BECAUSE NOBODY EVER WINS.... I THINK THAT PRETTY MUCH SUMS UP RACISM. ULTIMATELY NO ONE WINS."

IN MALORIE'S BOOK, THE POPULATION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO: THE WHITE NOUGHTS ARE SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS AND THE BLACK CROSSES ARE SEEN AS FIRST CLASS.

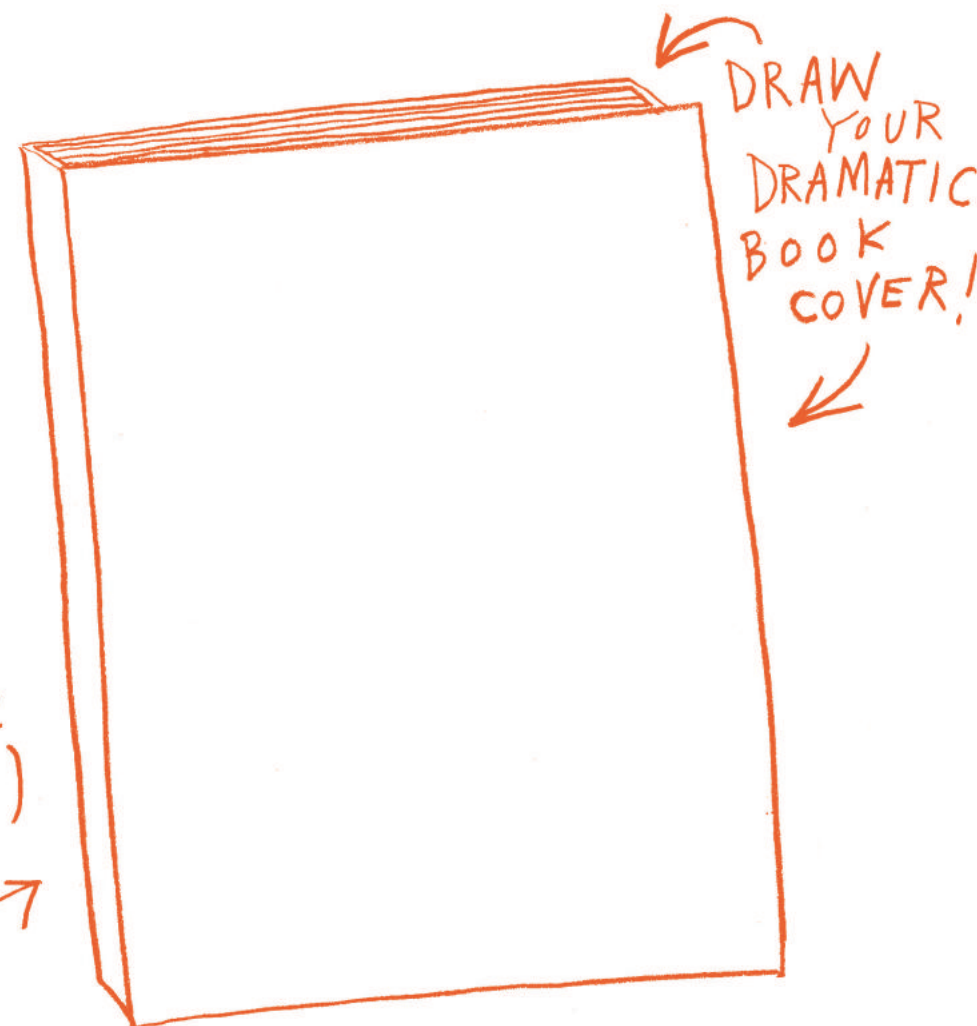
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WE ALL GET ANGRY ABOUT THINGS IN THE WORLD AND SCIENCE FICTION IS A GOOD WAY TO PLAY WITH THESE THINGS. THINK ABOUT SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO CHANGE IN THE WORLD. WHAT WOULD BE THE TITLE OF YOUR BOOK? WHAT SYMBOLS WOULD REPRESENT YOUR CHARACTERS?

THEME

TITLE

SYMBOLS



LEWIS CARROLL

1832-1898, WRITER

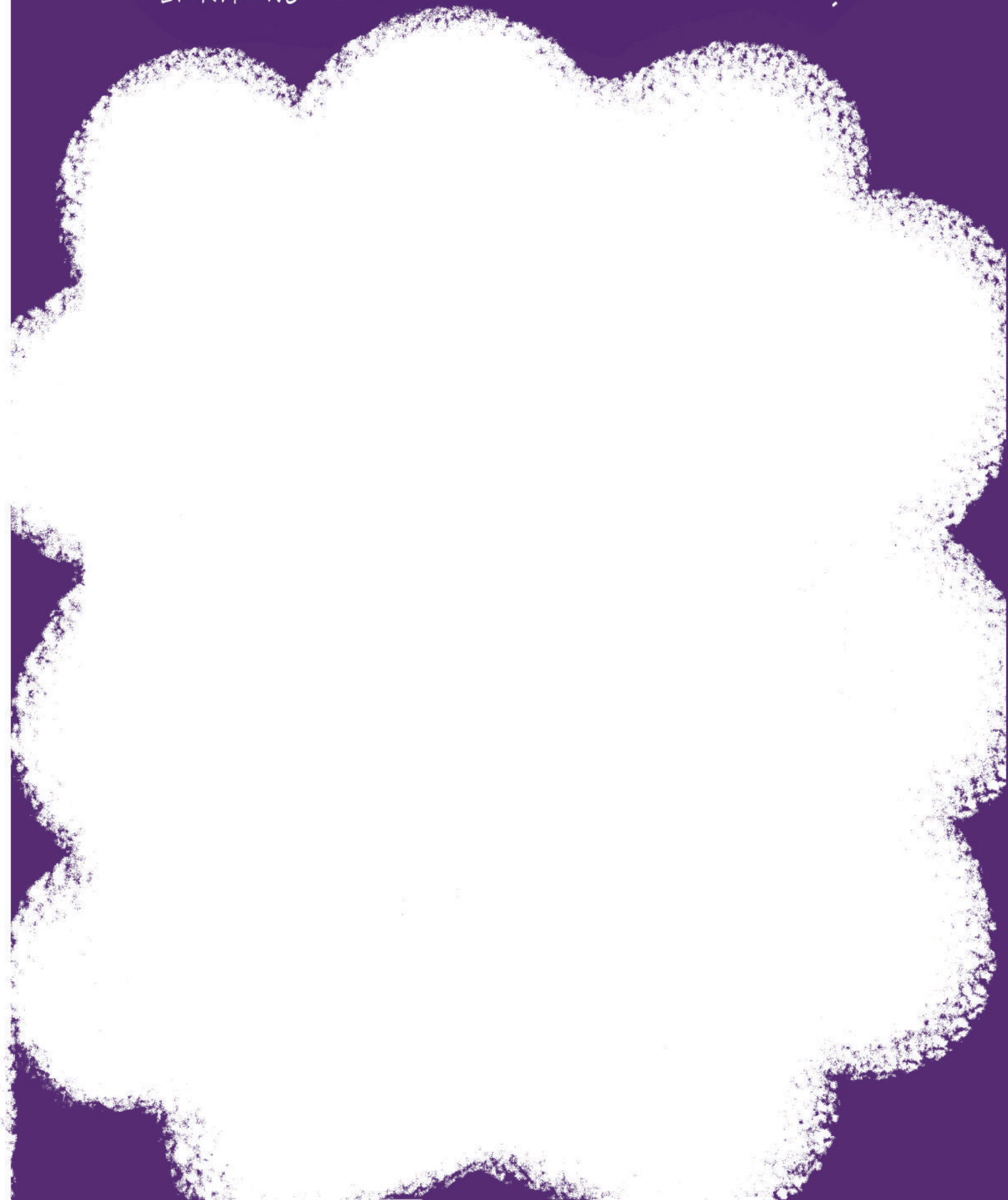


IN LEWIS CARROLL'S MOST FAMOUS BOOK 'ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND', ALICE FALLS DOWN A RABBIT HOLE INTO A FANTASY WORLD.

'WONDERLAND' FEATURES BIZARRE CHARACTERS SUCH AS THE DODO, BILL THE LIZARD, THE QUEEN OF HEARTS, THE CATERPILLAR AND THE CHESHIRE CAT. ALL MUCH BIGGER THAN IN REAL LIFE!



WONDERLAND IS A MAD WORLD WITH EVERYTHING IN TOPSY-TURVY PROPORTIONS, JUST LIKE A DREAM! THINK ABOUT A DREAMWORLD IN WHICH EVERYTHING IS THE WRONG SIZE AND DRAW IT HERE.

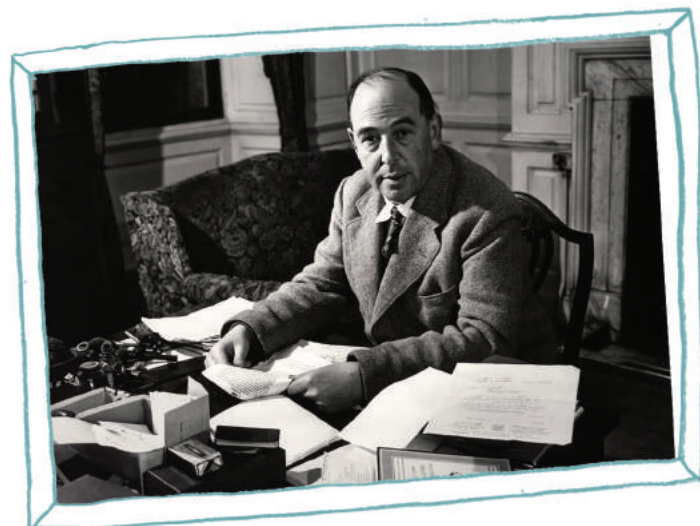




1898-1963

C.S. LEWIS

WRITER



C.S. LEWIS LOVED TO READ.
AS A CHILD HIS HOUSE WAS
FILLED WITH BOOKS.



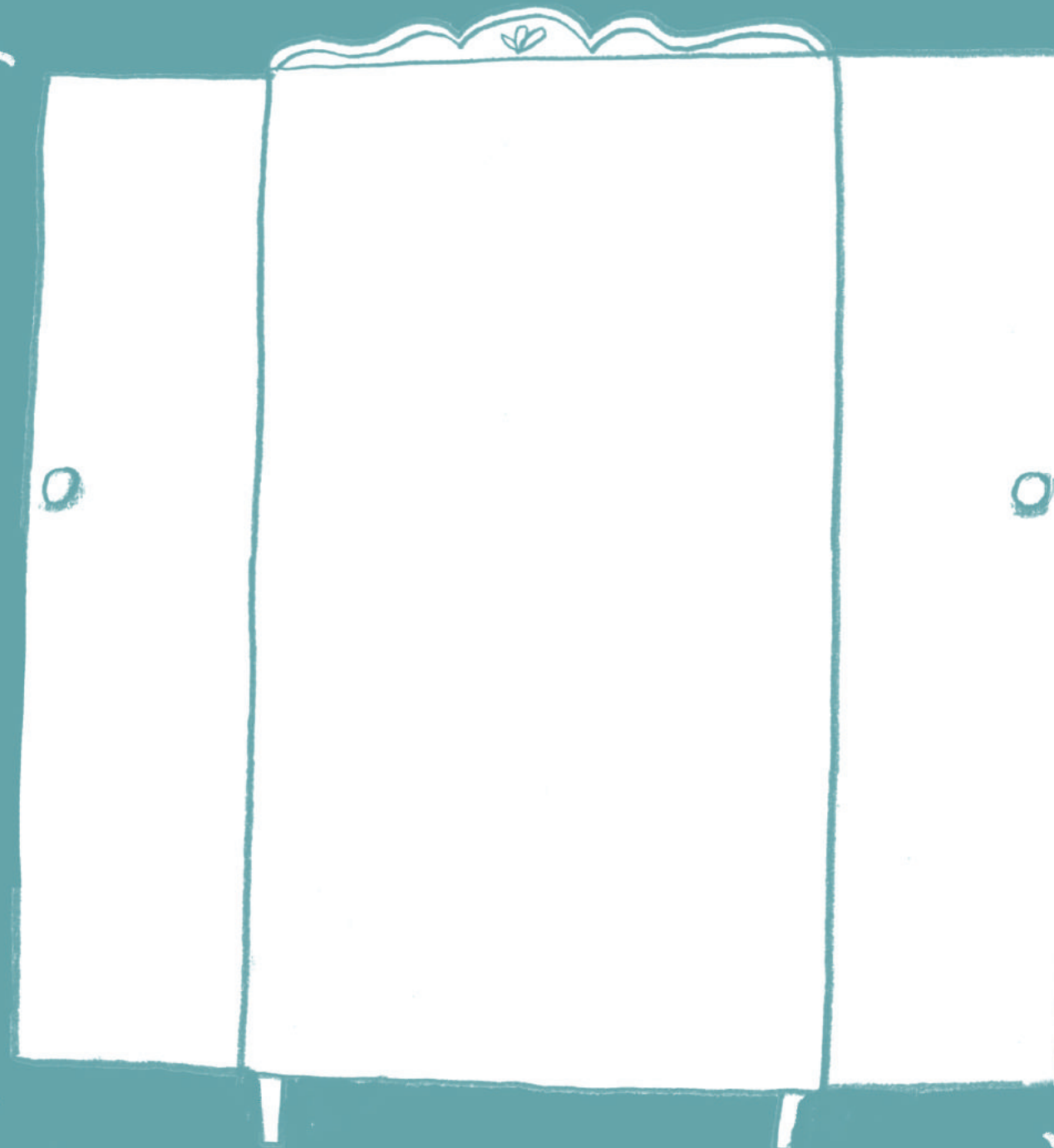
HE ONCE SAID - "ANY BOOK IS A JOURNEY
WHICH THE AUTHOR AND READER
BOTH TAKE TOGETHER..."



C.S. LEWIS IS MOST FAMOUS
FOR HIS NARNIA BOOKS,
ESPECIALLY 'THE LION, THE
WITCH AND THE WARDROBE',
WHERE A GROUP OF CHILDREN
TRAVEL THROUGH A WARDROBE
TO A MAGICAL WORLD, FILLED WITH
TALKING ANIMALS!



IMAGINE YOU COULD DO THE SAME.
WHAT WOULD BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF
YOUR MAGICAL WARDROBE?



MICHAEL ROSEN

BORN 1946, POET, AUTHOR, BROADCASTER & JOURNALIST



AROUND THE AGE OF TWELVE MICHAEL BEGAN TO GET A SENSE THAT HE LIKED WRITING. HE LIKED TRYING OUT DIFFERENT KINDS OF WRITING, INCLUDING FUNNY POEMS ABOUT PEOPLE HE KNEW.

"WHAT HAPPENS WITH ME IS QUITE OFTEN I START WITH A MEMORY, MIX IT WITH OBSERVATIONS OF PEOPLE I KNOW AND THEN MIX IN A BIT OF 'WHAT IF....?'"

THE ARTIST WHO PAINTED THIS PORTRAIT OF MICHAEL ROSEN SHOWS HIM IN A WORKSHOP OF 'THE LITTLE ANGEL THEATRE' IN ISLINGTON WHICH HE SUPPORTS.



USING THIS PORTRAIT AS INSPIRATION WHY NOT PAINT A PICTURE USING WORDS? WRITE A SHAPE POEM BASED ON SOMETHING IN THE PICTURE OR MICHAEL ROSEN HIMSELF!

A SHAPE POEM SHAPES WORDS INTO A PICTURE. HERE'S AN EXAMPLE:


SO BRIGHT, SHINING ABOVE US ALL, MILLIONS AND
BILLIONS, SHINING BRIGHT FROM
DUSK TO DAWN
WITH SILVER
LIGHT, SO PRETTY,
STARS ARE

BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH BORN 1958
 WED. DUR-BOET

WRITER, DUB-POET
& MUSICIAN



BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH
GREW UP IN JAMAICA &
ENGLAND. HE WENT TO
PRISON WHEN HE WAS YOUNG,
BUT TURNED FROM CRIME
TO MUSIC AND POETRY.

BENJAMIN IS INFLUENCED BY BOTH BRITISH CULTURE AND JAMAICAN MUSIC - BOTH ARE A PART OF HIM. 



BENJAMIN'S POEMS HAVE IMAGINATION BUT ARE ABOUT REAL LIFE. THIS IS PART OF HIS POEM CALLED

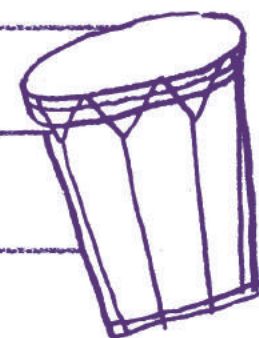
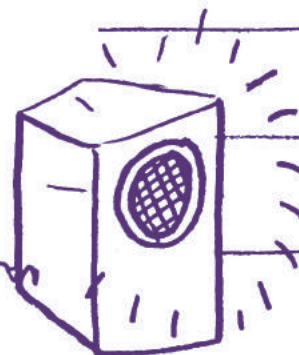
'I DE RAP GUY.'

I AM DE RAPPING RASTA
I RAP DE LYRICS FASTA
DAN A FORD CORTINA
OR A DOUBLE GHETTO BLASTA,
WHEN ROYALS ARE LISTENING
THEY PROCLAIM ME AS A KING
I AM WAY OUT AN TRAVELLING
NOT A PUPPET ON A STRING

I AM DE RAPPING RASTA
DE LYRICAL MASTA
DEY SAY I AM GOOD TO GO
SO I GO WID DE FLOW,
IF YU REALLY WANT TO KNOW
YU SHOULD BOOK ME FOR A SHOW
I WILL TEK YU HIGH AN LOW
LIKE AN EAGLE OR A ROE.

© BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO TRY TO WRITE A POEM ABOUT YOUR OWN LIFE. LOOK HOW BENJAMIN'S POEM FOLLOWS A PATTERN- JUST LIKE MUSIC! PICK YOUR OWN TUNE AND WRITE!





EDWARD LEAR 1812-1888

ARTIST, ILLUSTRATOR, MUSICIAN,
AUTHOR & POET



EDWARD LEAR IS FAMOUS FOR WRITING LIMERICKS.
A LIMERICK IS A KIND OF POEM WITH FIVE LINES.
LEAR'S LIMERICKS ARE VERY SILLY AND FOR EACH
POEM HE WOULD DRAW AN EQUALLY SILLY PICTURE.

THERE WAS AN OLD MAN WITH A BEARD,
WHO SAID "IT IS JUST AS I FEARED!" -
TWO OWLS AND A HEN,
FOUR LARKS AND A WREN,
HAVE ALL BUILT THEIR NESTS IN MY BEARD.



CAN YOU CREATE A FUNNY CHARACTER AND WRITE A LIMERICK ABOUT THEM?

(YOU CAN MAKE A COLLAGE OF
YOUR CHARACTER USING THE PATTERNED
PAPER AT THE BACK OF THIS BOOK.)

A LIMERICK HAS
FIVE LINES. LINE
1, 2 AND 5 RHYME
WITH EACH OTHER
AND LINES 3 AND 4
RHYME WITH EACH
OTHER.



JACQUELINE WILSON

© * BORN 1945 . WRITER * © * © *



JACQUELINE WROTE HER FIRST NOVEL WHEN SHE WAS JUST NINE! SHE HAS AN AMAZING 15,000 BOOKS IN HER HOUSE.

HER MOST FAMOUS SERIES OF BOOKS ARE ABOUT TRACY BEAKER. EVERYONE THINKS

TRACY IS NAUGHTY, BUT REALLY SHE JUST WANTS TO BE LOVED. TRACY MAKES UP FANTASTICAL STORIES TO MAKE HERSELF FEEL BETTER—WHICH IS SOMETHING WE ALL DO, SOMETIMES.



WHY NOT DRAW A COMIC-BOOK STORY OF A MADE UP ADVENTURE? WHAT WOULD YOUR MAIN CHARACTER BE CALLED? WHAT WOULD THEY DO?

TITLE:

THE END.

J.R.R. TOLKEIN

1892-1973 WRITER & ANGLO-SAXON SCHOLAR



J.R.R. TOLKEIN INVENTED LOTS OF LANGUAGES IN HIS BOOKS 'THE HOBBIT' AND 'THE LORD OF THE RINGS' THAT HIS FANTASTICAL CHARACTERS SPOKE IN MIDDLE-EARTH.

CAN YOU CREATE YOUR OWN ALPHABET WITH LETTERS OR SYMBOLS? THEN WRITE YOUR OWN NAME AND MESSAGE FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO WORK OUT?

Here are some other alphabets to get you started...

GREEK

Αα	Ββ	Γγ	Δδ	Εε	Ζζ
ALPHA	BETA	GAMMA	DELTA	EPSILON	ZETA
Ηη	Θθ	Ιι	Κκ	Λλ	Μμ
ETA	THETA	IOTA	KAPPA	LAMBDA	MU
Νν	Ξξ	Οο	Ππ	Ρρ	Σσς
NU	XI	OMICRON	PI	RHO	SIGMA
Ττ	Υυ	Φφ	Χχ	Ψψ	Ωω
TAU	UPSILON	PHI	CHI	PSI	OMEGA

EGYPTIAN HIEROGLYPHS

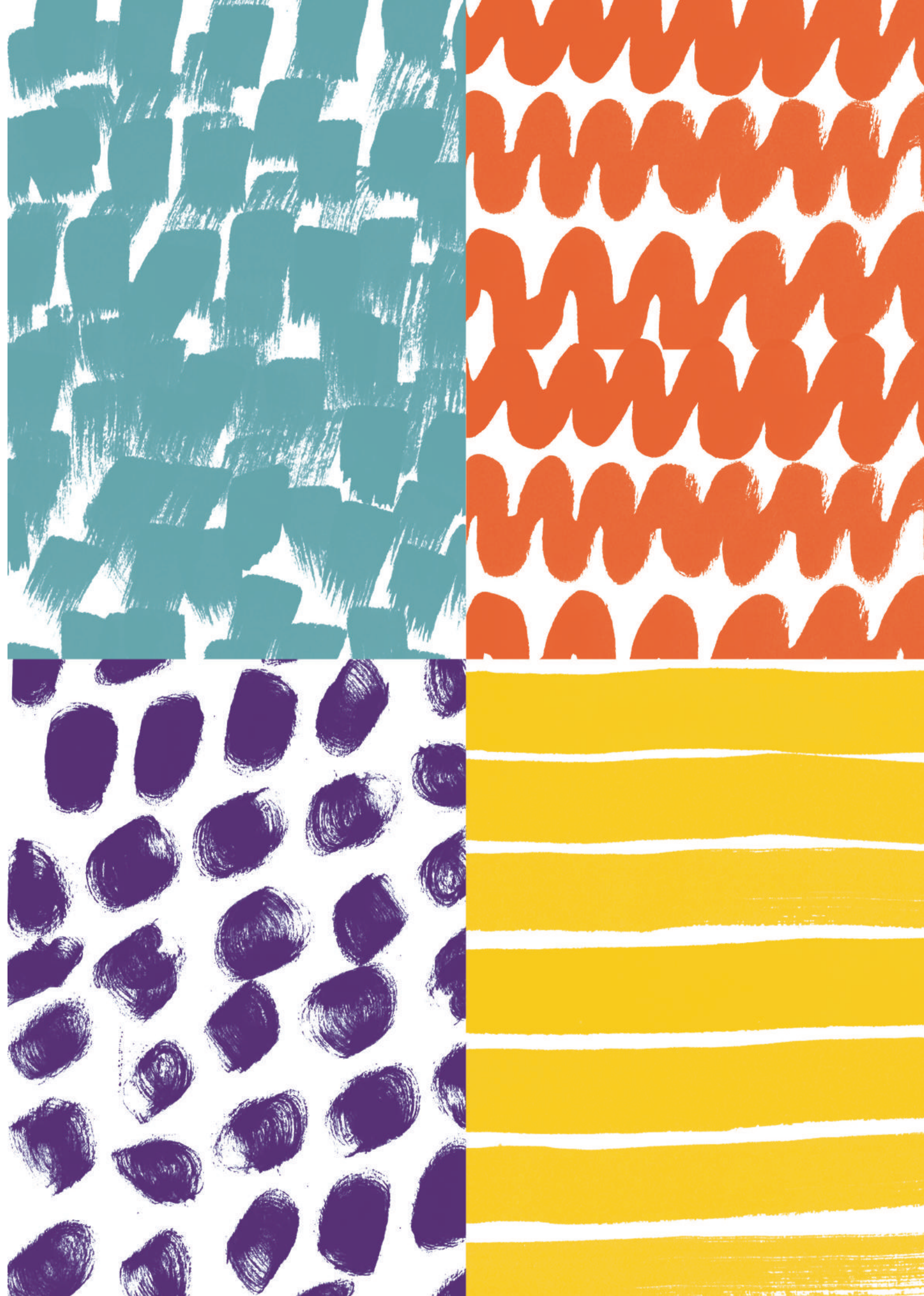
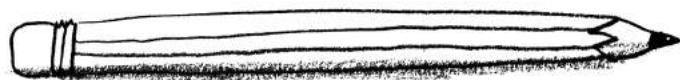
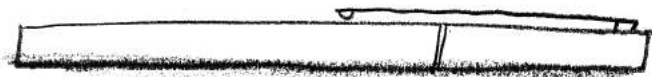
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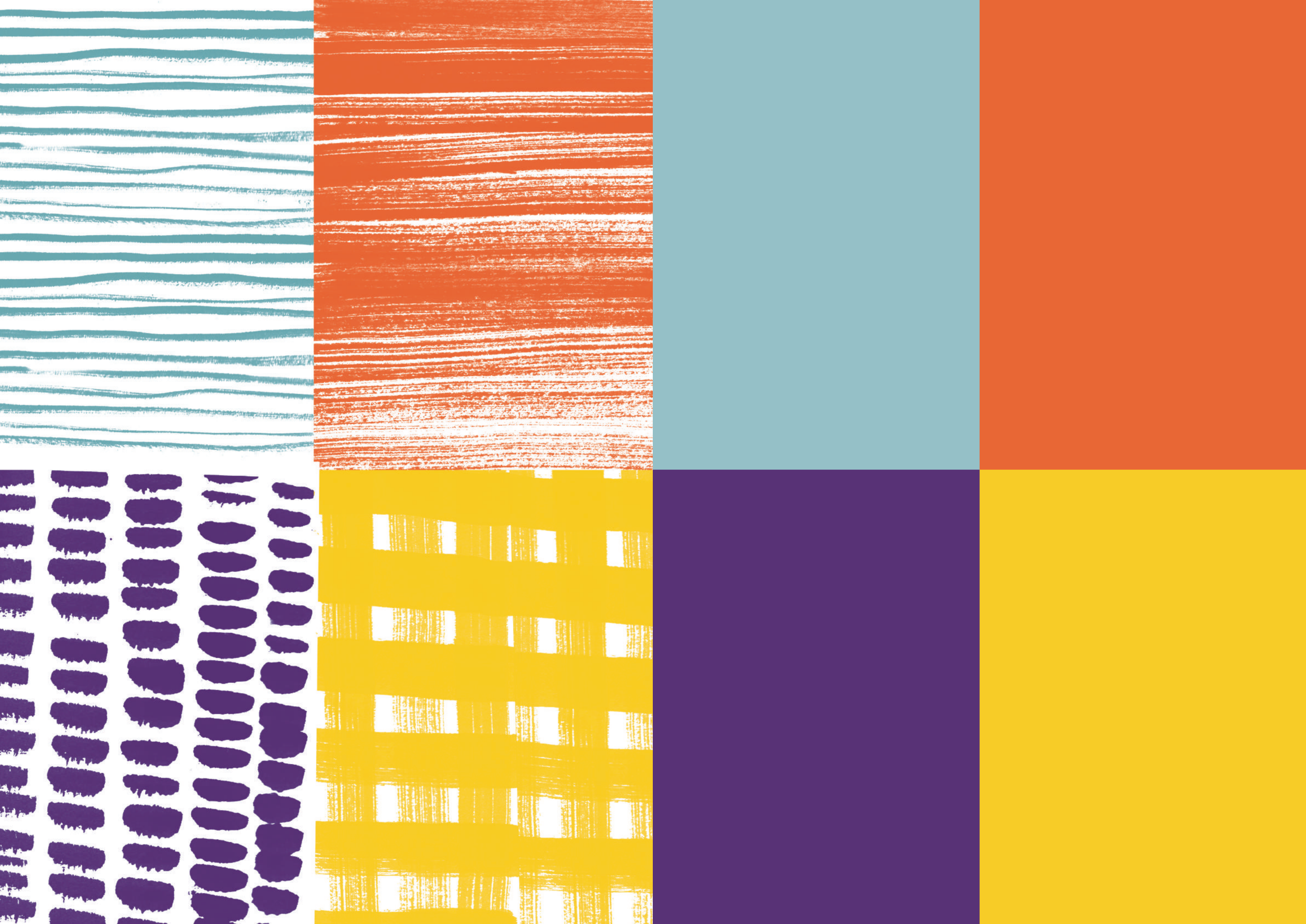
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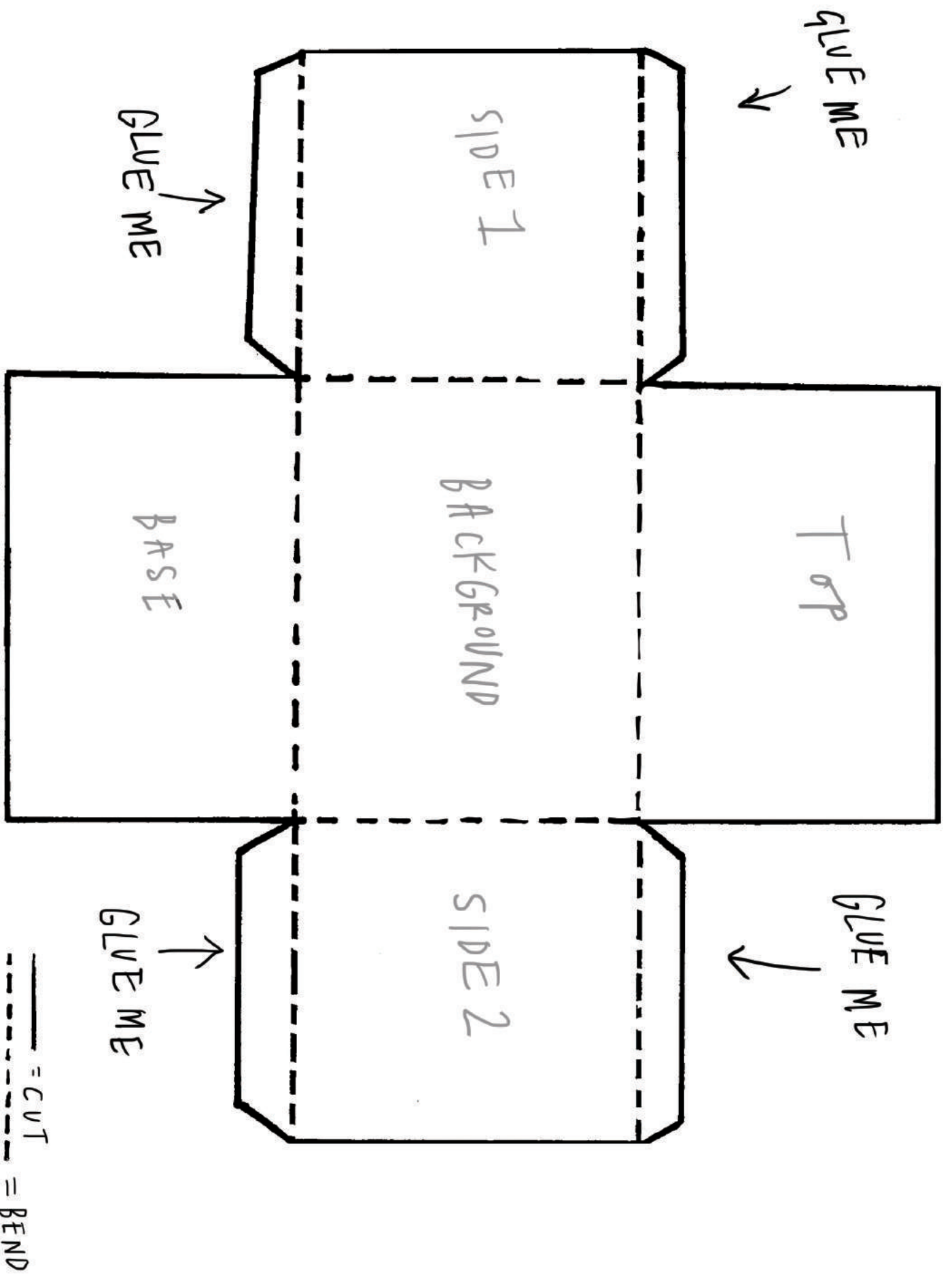
YOUR NAME → _____

SECRET MESSAGE → _____

THESE PAGES ARE FOR YOU TO
CUT OUT AND USE FOR THE
ACTIVITIES IN THE BOOK.







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