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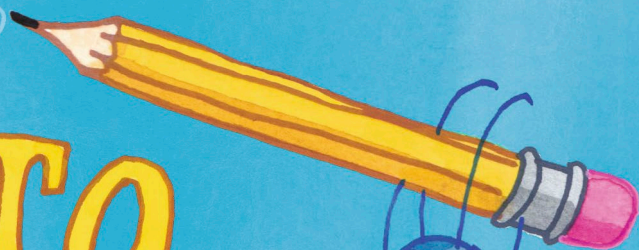
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The **ULTIMATE**  
step-by-step guide



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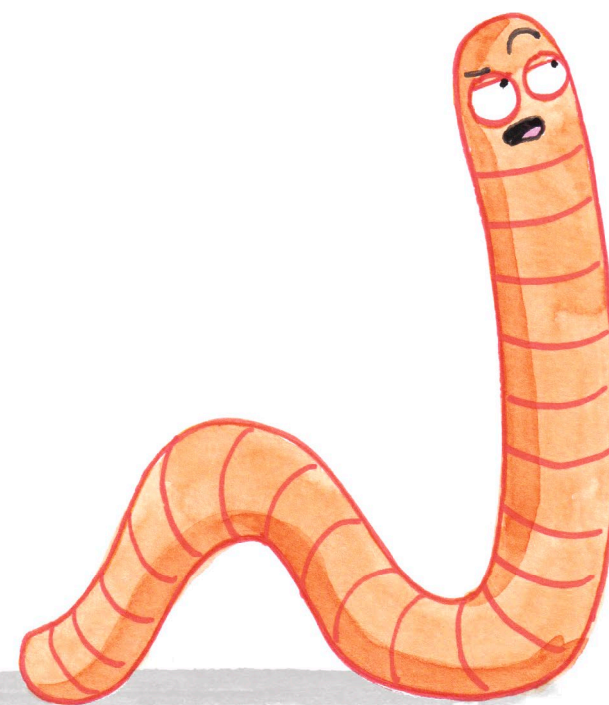
  
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# HOW TO MAKE A Picture BOOK

**By Dr Elys Dolan**

(Talented author and illustrator)

*And also Bert!*



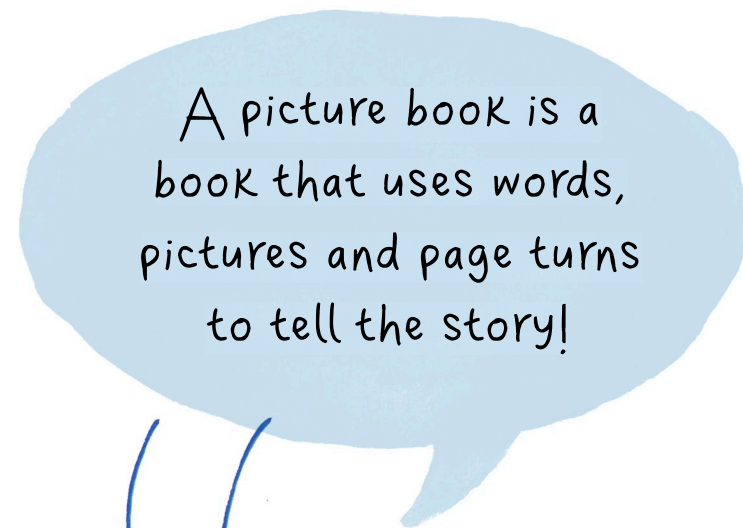
Oh look, a title. That's very professional... Hang on! Who let Bert put his name there?

Hi. I'm Elys Dolan and I write the words and do the pictures for children's books.

Of course, I'm not really a worm. I'm just appearing as one because it's quicker to draw than a person. You see, time is of the essence.

## WE NEED STORIES AND WE NEED THEM NOW!

And I'm relying on YOU to make them. So, I'm going to show you how to make picture books, like I do.

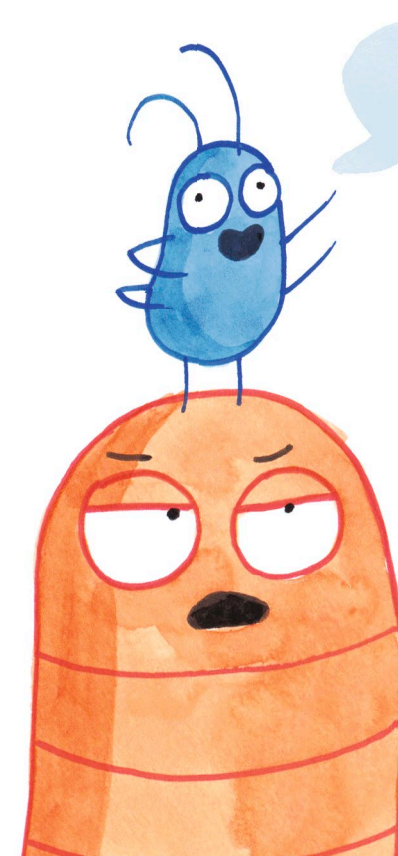


Yes, thank you Bert. He's my "assistant". So, writing words AND doing pictures is going to be very important. Sometimes both at once.



I'm going to show you, step by step, how to make your own picture book. You just need to follow the instructions and have a go at the activities.

Who doesn't love activities?



That's enough, Bert.



Now, grab your pens and pencils and let's get making!

# IDEAS

The first thing you need when making a picture book is an idea for what the story will be about.

But sometimes having a good idea for a story isn't easy, even if you try really hard.

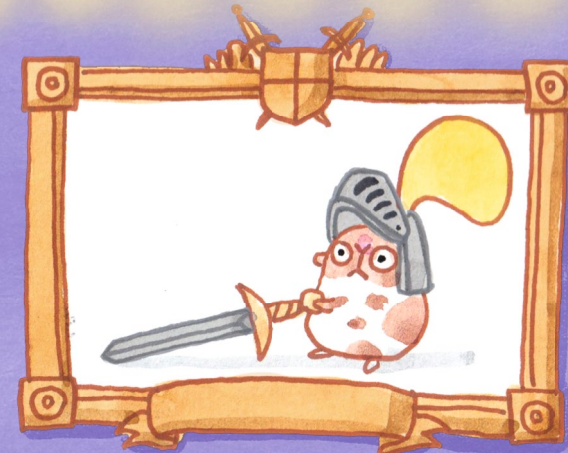
**LOOK!  
So tricky!**

So I want to show you where I go when I'm stuck for ideas. This means I need to take you somewhere very special.

**BEHOLD! My ...**



## GALLERY OF MUSES



These are all my favourite things! I love villains and detectives and bears and doughnuts, guinea pigs in armour, when chickens do literally anything and, most of all ... PAPERCLIPS!

