

START YOUR STORY NOW



Betty G. Birney says she often has the title for a book in her head before she has the story. While this is not true for all writers, thinking up the title can be a good springboard to a story.

Here's a fun way to try and get started.

- 1) Dream up a title – it can be as wacky or horrific as you want! What kind of book do you like to read? All writers are readers, so think about the kind of books you enjoy reading.
- 2) Write a one or two sentence description of the book. You don't have to know the story yet – just make it sound interesting enough that people would like to read it
- 3) Make a cover for the book that's aimed at attracting people to pick up the book and open it.

If you want to keep going:

- List the major characters and give a one or two sentence description of each
- Write short descriptions of key scenes
- Write the first paragraph, then the first page.
- If you really want to have fun, write the ending paragraph.
- Now that you know the characters, the beginning and the end ... all you have to do is figure out the middle. Don't be shy – you can rewrite this as many times as you need to.

It's only the beginning but you always have to start at the beginning so what are you waiting for?

