

SHORT STORY TIME

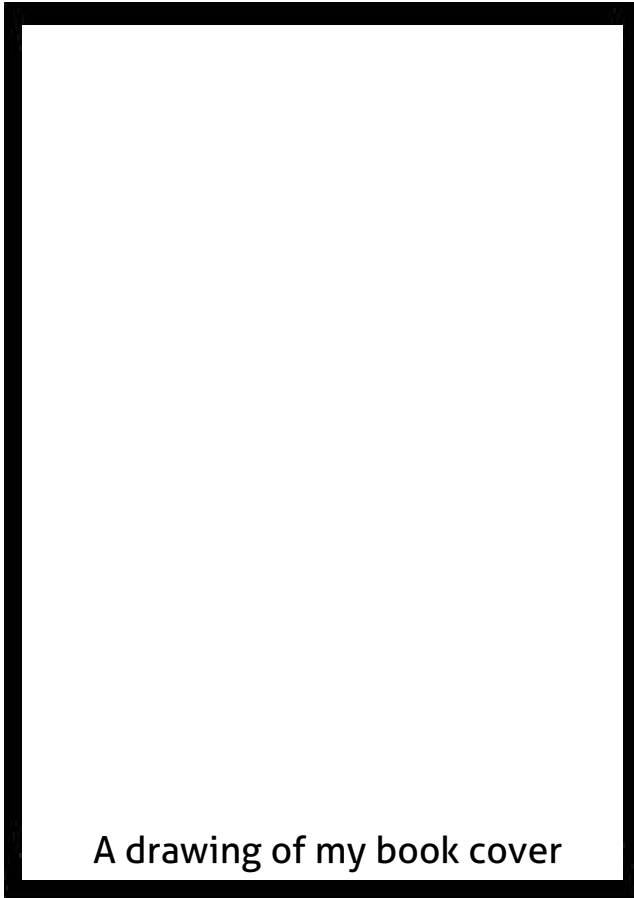
We want your stories -- long, short, exciting, sad, fun, scary, unbelievable, thrilling ... so we can share them with all our News Flash readers. If your stuck for an idea, no problemo! Here is this week's title to get you started:

The Old Map

BOOK REVIEW

Book reviews are all about what YOU thought of a book. They don't tell just the story, and they certainly don't give away the ending. Your sentences could begin with: I thought ... I liked when ... My favourite part was when ... I found ... I didn't like ... I laughed when... and so on.

When you start your review with these sentence starters, you know you are talking about what you thought, not just what happened.



A drawing of my book cover

QUESTION TIME

How well have you read this month's paper? Here, in Question Time, as well as testing your memory and retention skills, we also test your imagination and creative skills. We base this activity on our news section, pages 4, 5 and 10 (Strange World).

1. What distance do you run when you complete a marathon?
2. Where will you find the city of Rimini?
3. Why did Elisha not run in this year's Barcelona marathon race?
4. What does the Japanese word *hanami* mean?
5. Why is Sligo nicknamed Yeats County?
6. Write two facts about the Japanese flag.
7. Give two reasons why pygmy goats make excellent pets.
8. Why did Dogmar Turner want to play the violin during her brain operation?
9. Can you write the 5-letter word in *Sausages Save Nell's Bacon* that means smell or scent.
10. What is your favourite news article in this month's *News Flash*? Why?