



Created for the picture book **What Would You Do in a Book About You?** by Jean Reidy and illustrated by Joey Chou (HarperCollins Publishers).

Graduation Event Kit

About the Book

What Would You Do in a Book About You?

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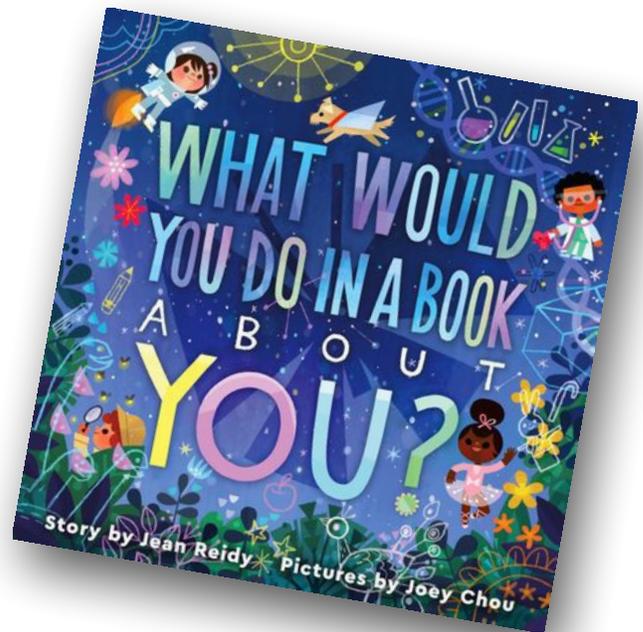
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No dream is too big or too small in this heartwarming, heart-building book about you!

Here is an exuberant book that asks what wonderful, endless possibilities your story and your future might hold, making YOU the author of your own powerful tale.



Perfect for a graduation, a new baby, a birthday, or any milestone in a child's or adult's life, this book celebrates everything you are capable of doing and becoming. For after all, the best stories are the ones that you will write.

“When you use your imagination and tell your own stories, there are endless possibilities for magic, mayhem, fun, and learning.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Graduation Event Kit

We celebrate our students' milestones to both honor their time in our classrooms and to encourage them to take their next bold step in education and life. The picture book **What Would You Do in a Book About You?** opens the future to your readers' imaginations.

“If your life were a book with pictures and pages, what would YOU do to be read through the ages?” —**What Would You Do in a Book About You?**

If this picture book feels like the basis for a celebration, we have taken elements of the story and illustrations to help you create a rich, meaningful event.

Readers Theater Script (Pages 4-7)

Can you imagine each of the graduates stepping to the mic and reciting the joyful verses of **What Would You Do in a Book About You?** for gathered families? If you are teaching remotely, can you envision the checkerboard of graduates' faces, each adding a line to the chorus? We have created a Readers Theater script for 20 readers with the option to reassign roles in a downloadable, editable Word Document.

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Graduation Certificate (Page 8)

Using Joey Chou's incredible image of a book bursting open with possibilities, we offer you a graduation/completion certificate with blanks to fill in.

Mini-Book Medallion (Pages 9-11)

Consider gifting your graduates a mini-book. In the small pages of this print-and-fold craft, your students can envision their future by answering the question, "What would you do in a book about you?" If a hole is punched in the top corner of this folded mini-book, it can be strung with a ribbon and made into a medallion. Place the Mini-Book Medallion over graduates' heads to symbolize the life story they will continue to create!

Mortar Board Craft (Pages 12-14)

Why not have mortar boards as unique as the graduates? Whether you want to get creative with mortar board hats or avoid having your students purchase the traditional graduation hat, we have provided a craft that only needs paper, scissors, glue, and a dash of creativity.

Bookmarks (Pages 15-16)

Just like the children in the book, your students are "amazing, astonishing, astounding, absorbing, and awe-inspiring." Remind them of this fact with multicultural, one-sided printable bookmarks. Perhaps they can use the backside of the bookmark to answer the book's provocative question.

Readers Theater Script

7: Would you venture above or below or beyond –

8: with help from a broomstick?

9: Or maybe a wand?

[Wait for the page to turn.]

10: Would you skip across stars or a planet or two?

11: Would you go it alone or invite a whole crew?

[Wait for the page to turn.]

12: Adventure is waiting.

13: So much you can do

14: in this wonderful, wander-filled book about you.

[Wait for the page to turn.]

15: Would you rescue a king or a queen or a dog?

16: Would you capture a castle?

17: Sip tea with a frog?

[Wait for the page to turn.]

18: Would you ride on a dinosaur?

19: Romp with emus?

20: Would you dance with a yak while you both play kazoos?

[Wait for the page to turn.]

1: Would you cure polar bears of the polar bear blues?

2: The polar bear blues?

1: The polar bear blues!

3: Well, then! Cure walruses too!

4: You don't have to choose!

[Wait for the page to turn.]

5: You might create something that changes a mind –

6: or makes a heart stir.

Readers Theater Script

7: You might simply be kind.

[Wait for the page to turn.]

8: You might give a big speech.

9: Or defend something small.

10: You might open a window.

11: Or tear down a wall.

[Wait for the page to turn.]

12: And when trouble comes, you might bravely stand tall.

13: You might muster your courage ...

14: to rise from a fall.

[Wait for the page to turn.]

15: Would you march slow and steady?

16: Or sprint from the start?

17: Would you follow the crowd?

18: Or lead from your heart?

[Wait for the page to turn.]

19: The choices are endless.

20: The obstacles few.

1: So many chapters

2: beginning to brew.

3: Imagine the endless good you might do,

4: in a heart-warming,

5: heart-building

6: book about you.

[Wait for the page to turn.]

7: You might read a book!

8: You might write a book!

Readers Theater Script

9: A powerful, page-turning, book about you!

All: A book about you in a book about you?

[Wait for the page to turn.]

10: Amazing!

11: Astonishing!

12: Astounding!

13: Absorbing!

14: Absolutely, undeniably, unmistakably ...

15: awe-inspiring –

16: times two!!!

All: PHEW!

[Wait for the page to turn.]

17: If your life were a book with pictures and pages,

18: what would YOU do to be read through the ages?

19: Stop. Dream. Think it through.

[Wait for the page to turn.]

All: What would you do in a book about YOU?

20: The End ... or, rather –

All: the Beginning!

This certificate is presented to:

on _____ for completing _____
and continuing to write their own astounding story.



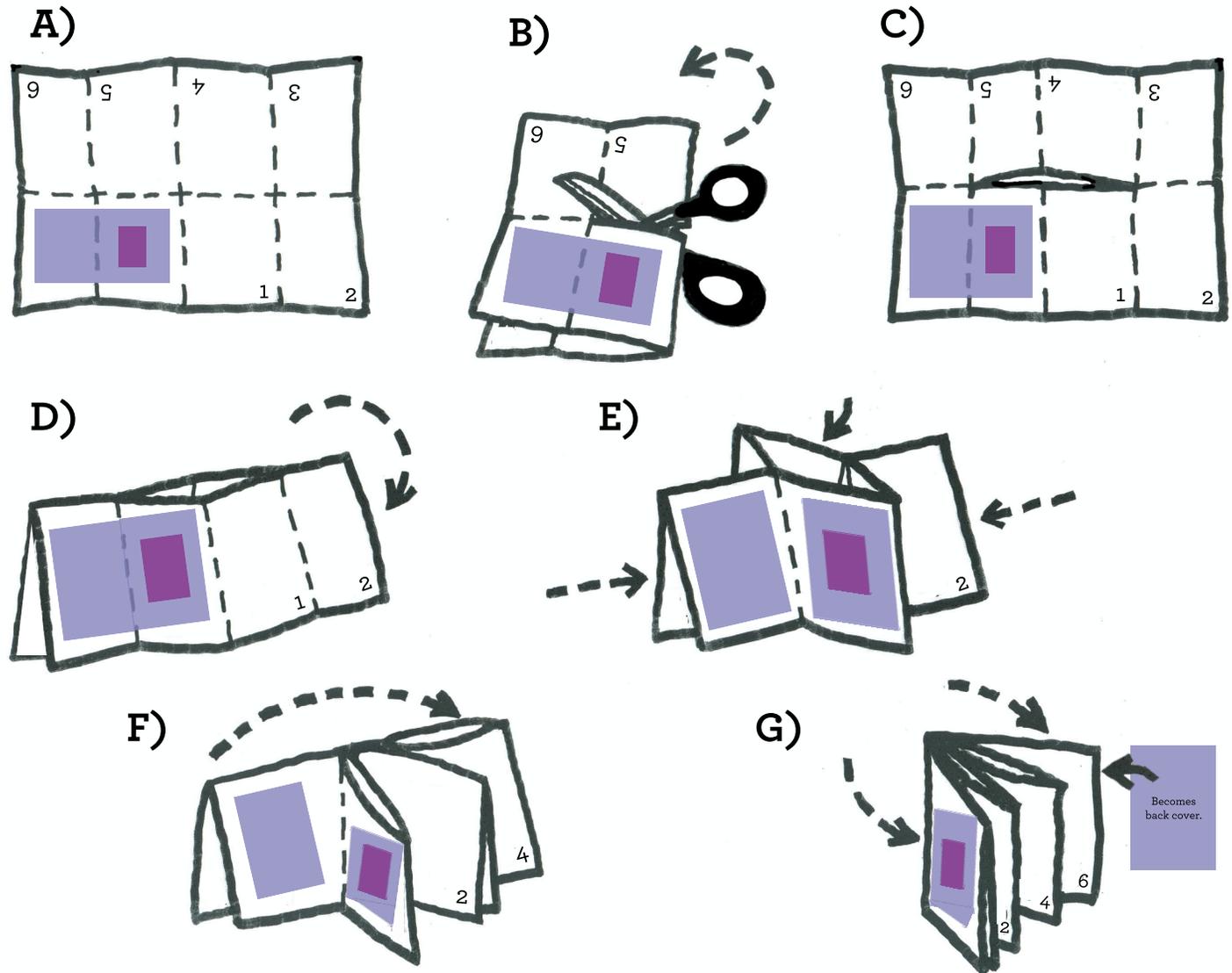
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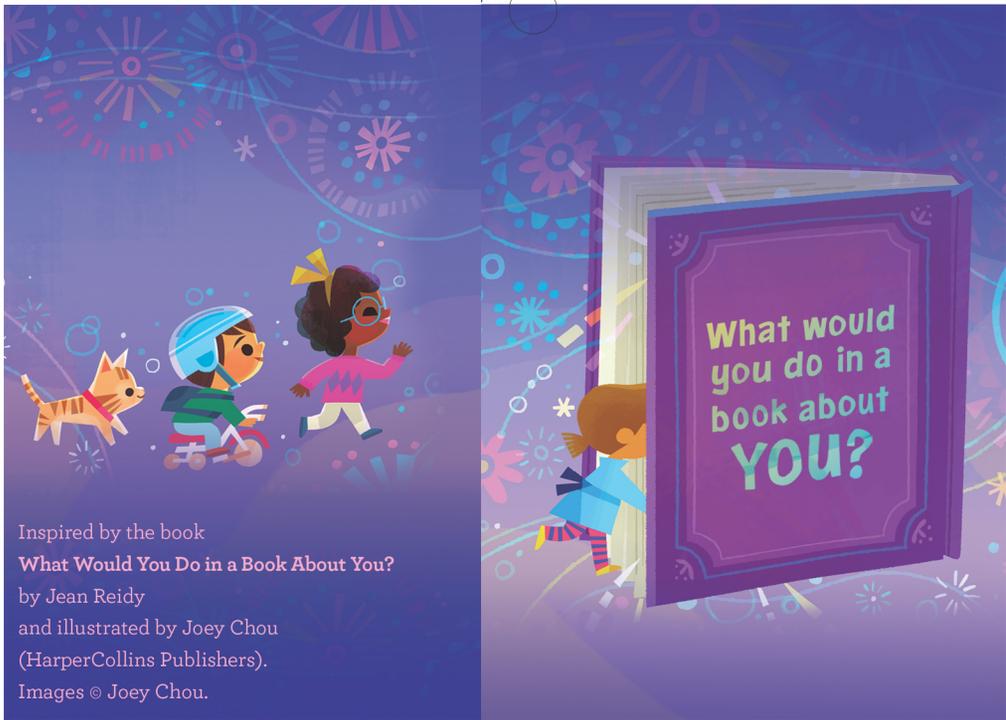
Mini-Book Medallion

If the picture book **What Would You Do in a Book About You?** becomes part of your graduation ceremony, consider gifting your graduates with this mini-book. In the small pages, your students can imagine their future by answering the question, "*What would you do in a book about you?*"

Using one of the templates on the following two pages, assemble the book with steps A-G. If a hole is punched in the top corner of the folded mini-book, the book can be strung with a ribbon.

Imagine placing that Mini-Book Medallion over graduates' heads to symbolize the life story they will continue to create!





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Mortar Board Craft

What You Need:

- Scissors
- Clear tape or glue stick
- Art supplies
- Templates printed on card stock (best) or regular printer paper



For step-by-step images of this mortar board craft visit: <http://bit.ly/WWYDGradKit>

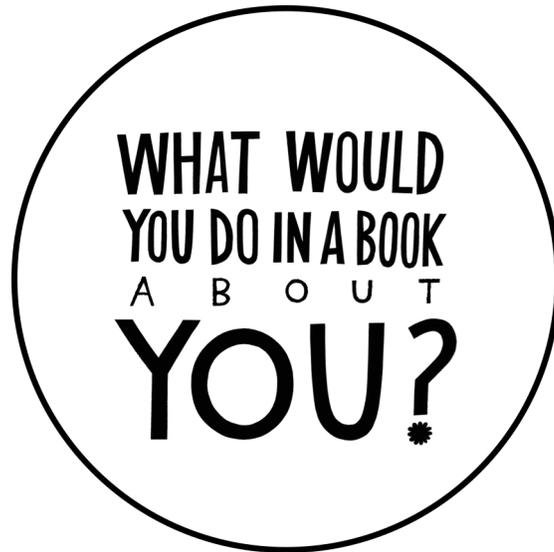
Why not make your graduate's mortar board an expression of their individuality? Inspired by the picture book **What Would You Do in a Book About You?**, ask your graduate to create a hat that tells their own story.

What You Might Do:

- 1) Cut out your square Mortar Board Top and color it or use words and pictures to answer the question, "What would you do in a book about you?"
- 2) Pull out the Mortar Board Bottom sheet. You will see 4 vertical sections. Feel free to color the two center sections. These will become the bottom section of your mortar board hat.
- 3) Cut the center line of the Mortar Board Bottom sheet.
- 4) Connect the two strips horizontally with the colored parts side by side. Overlap them a little and then glue or tape them together in one long horizontal strip.
- 5) Fold the long strip in 1/2 on the dashed line. Make sure all the words are on the outside of the fold.
- 6) Unfold the long strip a little bit and cut the short solid lines to make tabs.
- 7) Hold the colored portion and make a circle or oval with the tabs touching in the center of the circle/oval.
- 8) Tape the circle together on the colored section.
- 9) Now go back to your Mortar Board Top. Flip it over so the blank side is up.
- 10) Place your circle/oval tab-side down on your Mortar Board Top and attach it there. You can either use glue on the underside of the tabs or secure the outside ring of the circle/oval with tape.
- 11) If your mortar board needs help staying on your head, look for bobby pins to pin it to your hair. String attached to either side of the hat's bottom edge and then tied under your chin will also work. Get ready to graduate!

Mortar Board Craft

Template: Mortar Board Top



Template: Mortar
Board Bottom



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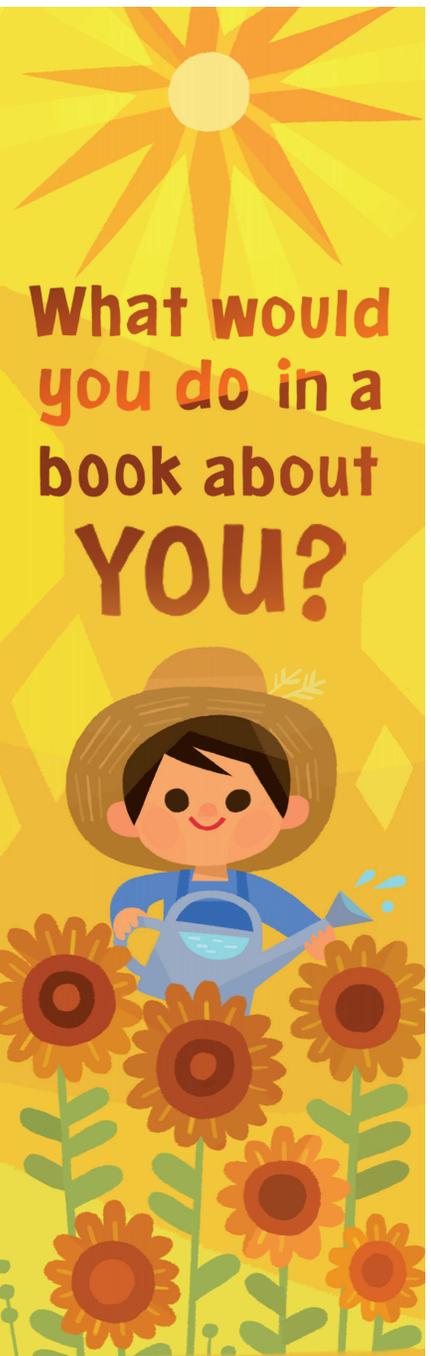
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