

A picture is Worth a Thousand Words!



The best **illustrators** make reading come to life with vivid images. Our imagination gives shape and form to characters in books but it is the artist who supplies us with a likeness. Often book illustrators are hired independently of the book's author and sometimes the author serves as the illustrator as well. James Schucker did not write books but created many **illustrations** that enriched our understanding of stories the authors were telling.

Choose one of your favorite books, re-read the story and then create a **book jacket** cover. Remember that the reader has not had a chance to discover this book so your job is to provide an image that conveys the "essence" of the story. Feel free to experiment with different types of art materials. Collage, watercolor, markers and colored pencils are just a few of the possibilities.

Sketch your idea below to help you get started.



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