



# How to...



## LITERARY LEGACY

The Once Upon a Time Bookstore in Montrose, California, opened in 1966 and is the oldest continually operating children's bookstore in the US.



# Host a book trivia night

Have fun connecting with friends and family over your shared love of reading.

A book trivia night is a fun competition in which participants see how many questions they can answer about books, authors, characters, and plots. It's also a great way to find out about new books you may want to read! Here's how you can plan a book trivia night with your family or friends.

### Set a theme

If you'd like, you can select a theme for your book trivia night. For example, the theme could be "legendary series," "fantasy favorites," or "historical fiction." If you and your friends love a particular popular series, such as *Harry Potter* or *The Baby-Sitters Club*, you could also build a trivia night around those books. (For more book suggestions, turn to "The 50 Books Kids Love Most" on page 12.)

### Come up with the questions

Ask your guests to think of five trivia questions to write down on paper, sticky notes, or index cards. They should include the answers, but be sure no one else can see them! They can be about characters, the plot (avoid spoilers!), authors, or memorable lines. For example, a question could be, Which book has this

sentence as its first line: "Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy." (The answer: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.) For more question inspiration, see the box at right.

### Prepare to host

Choose a comfortable spot for everyone to gather, with chairs and throw pillows for guests to sit on. Put out pens and paper. Hang up drawings of famous book characters if you like, and arrange some snacks, such as bowls of gummy worms for your "bookworm" guests, on a table.

### Run the game

Now it's time to play! You can play individually or set up small teams of two or three players with fun names like the Page Turners or the Mystery Solvers. Have everyone take turns reading the questions they brought, and give players a minute to write down their answer. Then everyone can reveal their answers together. The goal is to correctly answer as many trivia questions as possible. Ask a volunteer to keep score to determine a winner! If you like, you could also end your trivia night with a used book swap (see opposite page).



Get the trivia supplies ready!

## Sample questions



Here are a few ideas to kick off a book trivia night! How many of these would you get right?

- Which Hogwarts house is Harry assigned to in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*?  
Answer: Gryffindor
- Which book is about a robot who becomes shipwrecked on a remote island?  
Answer: *The Wild Robot*
- Which popular children's book author drew a comic strip for his college newspaper?  
Answer: Jeff Kinney
- Whose life does Charlotte save in *Charlotte's Web*?  
Answer: Her friend Wilbur's