

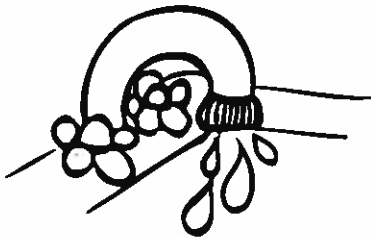
## How to Care for a Book

# Taking Care of a Book



My "Read-at-Home" Book

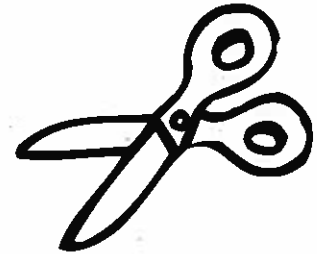
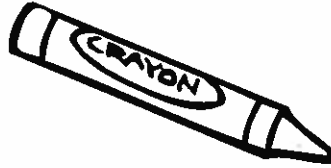
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The first thing I do before reaching for a book is **wash my hands**. I want to make sure my hands are nice and clean before touching a book. Dirt belongs outside and food belongs in my stomach—not on a book.

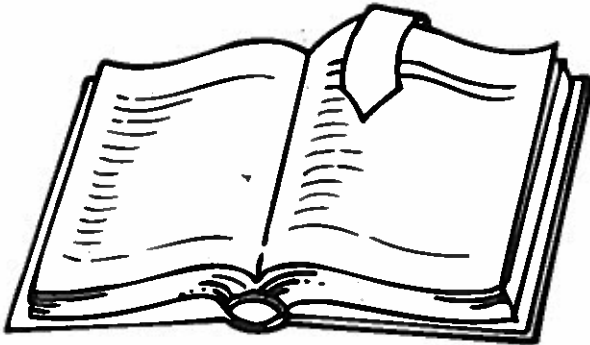


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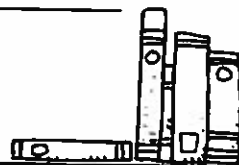
The next thing I do is make sure my **crayons, markers, scissors, and glue are all far away from my book**. The pages already have pictures. I don't need to decorate them.

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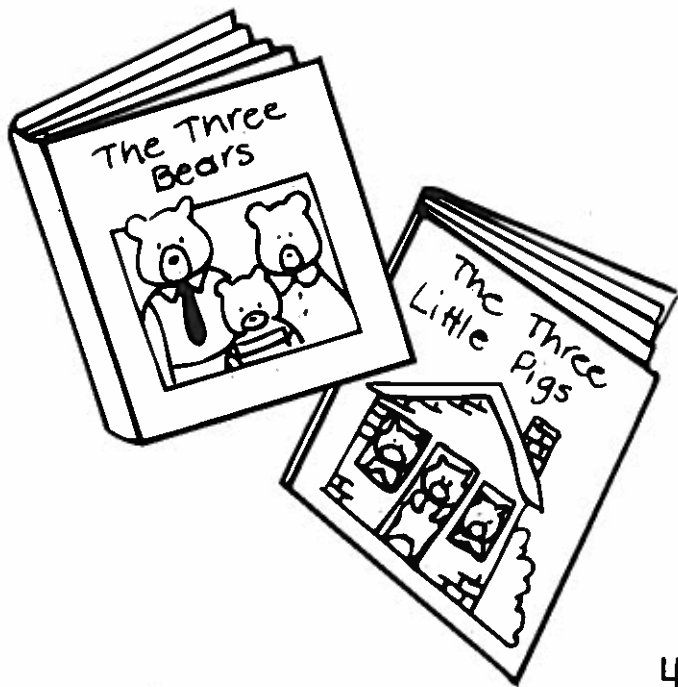


Sometimes I don't have time to finish my book. So I **mark my spot in the book with a bookmark**. Sometimes I use one of my favorite pictures as a bookmark. Other times I use a bookmark that my teacher gave me. But one thing I never do is bend a page to mark my spot.

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Turning a page too fast or too hard can sometimes rip the page. I always make sure I **turn the page slowly from the top corner**. When I do this, the page turns easily and will not rip.

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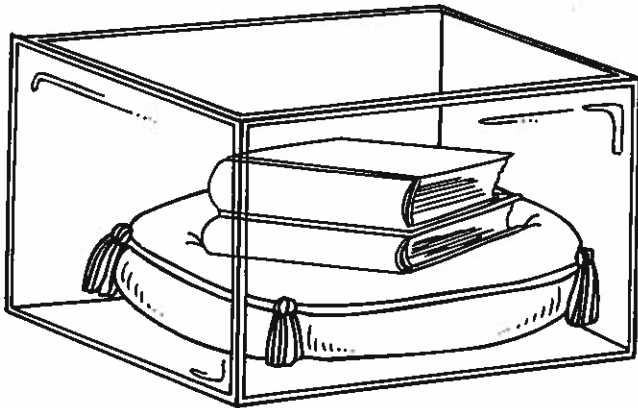
I love to bring my library books home to show off. When I carry them home, I **always put them safely into a book bag or backpack**. That way, they won't get rained on and I won't accidentally drop them on the ground.



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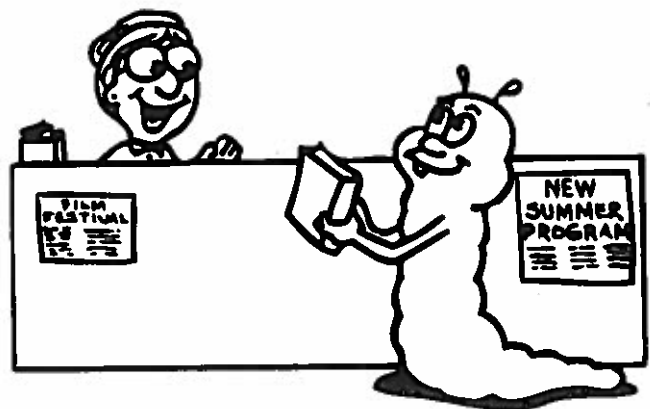
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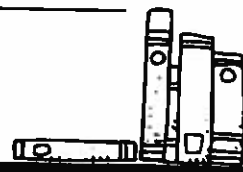
Once my books make it home safely, I take them out of my bag and I **put them in a safe place in my house**. My little brother doesn't get to play with them and my dog can't reach them. Since I take such good care of them at home, I will be able to return them to the library just like I found them.

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I always remember to **return my book to the library on time**. Other kids might want to read it, so I need to finish it and bring it back when I'm supposed to. I always look forward to choosing a new book, too.



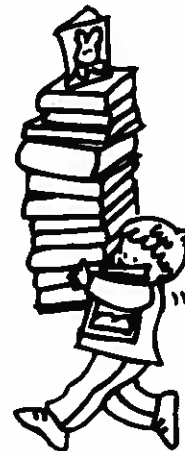
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When I check out a book, I take care of it by doing these things:

1. I wash my hands so they are nice and clean before touching my book.
2. I keep my school supplies away from my book.
3. I mark my place in a book with a bookmark. I don't bend the pages.
4. I turn the pages by using the top corners so they don't rip.
5. I always carry my book in a book bag or backpack.
6. I keep my book in a safe place at home.
7. I always return my books to the library on time.



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## The End.

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