

GET STARTED WITH

# Your own Family Story Book

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Choose a theme, a special day/event or a person - Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, a favourite uncle, your partner etc

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Choose what format - short stories, collection of advice/wisdom, stories about a particular era, general likes and experience or a biography.

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Understand who all would be contributing to the book and the stories and plan to coordinate with them

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Select how would you write it? Asking the storytellers to write or become a ghostwriter. an interview format or use voice recordings.

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Name the project, format the content and select a book title and cover. Add pictures

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Find a printer. **Organize** your stories into a book. Create more volumes and share with family.

## List of Questions to get you started

### Advice

- What was one of the hardest things about growing up? How did you get through it?
- What would you consider your motto?
- Was getting a graduate degree worth it?
- At what times in your life were you the happiest, and why?
- What is your best advice when it comes to work?
- What were the biggest surprises when you moved out on your own?

### Events - Anniversaries/ Birthdays/ Weddings

- Can you remember early impressions they shared of each other?
- What was their wedding like?
- What's something you enjoy doing with them, and why?
- What do you admire about their relationship?
- Share a favorite memory with them as a couple.
- What is your wish for their future?
- How did you meet them and how long have you known them?
- What's a memorable adventure or trip you've shared?
- What's something you admire about them?
- Share a funny or heartwarming story about them.
- What is some of the best advice they've given you?

### Childhood Stories

- Share your favorite baby stories
- What nicknames did you have growing up?
- What was your hometown like when you were growing?
- What are your favorite childhood memories?
- What are your most memorable family vacations
- Who were your friends growing up?

### Family

- Who are the best cooks in your family?
- Do you have any notable ancestors?
- What do you like most about your siblings?
- What was your mom like growing up?
- What was your dad like growing up?
- What were your grandparents like growing up?
- What is the best advice your father ever gave you?
- What is the best advice your mother ever gave you?
- What do you like most about your siblings?
- How has your relationship with your siblings changed over the years?

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### Life Experiences

- What's your favorite home you've lived in?
- What was your first job?
- What was your favorite job?
- Who are your role models?
- What's your best relationship advice
- How did you know you'd marry your spouse?
- What was it like to become a parent?
- What's your best parenting advice?

### Memorial

- What's your most cherished memory of them?
- Share a valuable life lesson they taught you.
- What did you admire most about them?
- Share words from a poem or song that make you think of them.
- What was a special talent or passion of theirs?

### Biographical

- Have you ever sued someone, or been sued by someone?
- Would you prefer to have an adventure, or read about one?
- What is your definition of love?
- Do you have a favorite poem? What is it?
- If you could safely travel to any time and place, where and when would you go?
- How do you like to spend a lazy day?
- What was your most memorable childhood vacation?
- What was your most embarrassing moment from your teenage years?
- What was the most fun you ever had with your friends in high school or college?
- What was the best concert or live performance you ever attended?
- What was the best meal you ever had and where was it?
- What was the most adventurous trip you ever took?
- What was the most memorable birthday you ever had?
- What was the most memorable holiday you ever celebrated?
- What was the most memorable event you ever attended (e.g. wedding, graduation)?
- What was the most memorable gift you ever received and why?