

Guide to Using Book Creator

There are several commercial and free e-book creators that are built for use by young children. An example of the free e-book creators is the Apple app **Book Creator**¹. It has a simple interface which makes it user-friendly. It allows young children to exercise creativity because they can draw any illustrations or place the photographs uploaded previously directly in their e-books using the app that has been installed on their iPads or MacBooks. They can also choose to write or type out their stories. The app allows any pre-uploaded videos to be inserted into their e-books too. Children can also record their dramatisation and oral narration of their written stories as video or audio files.



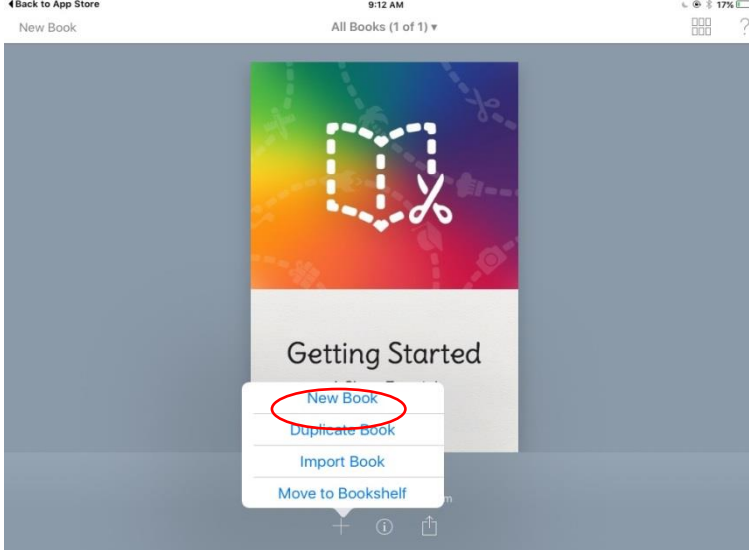
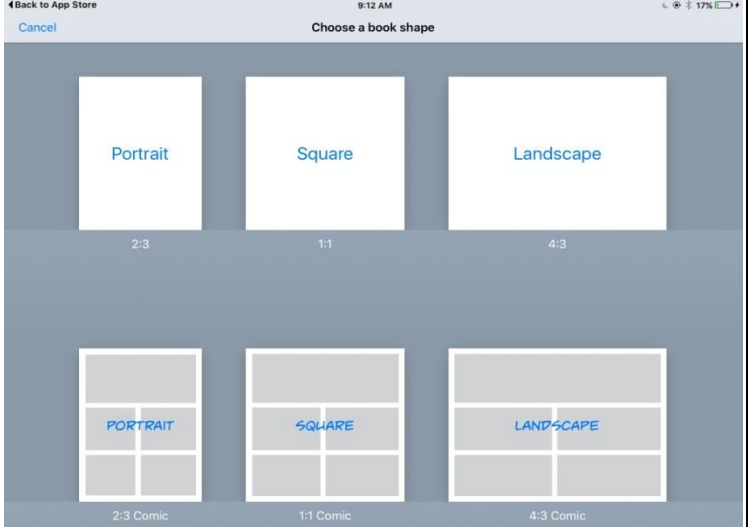
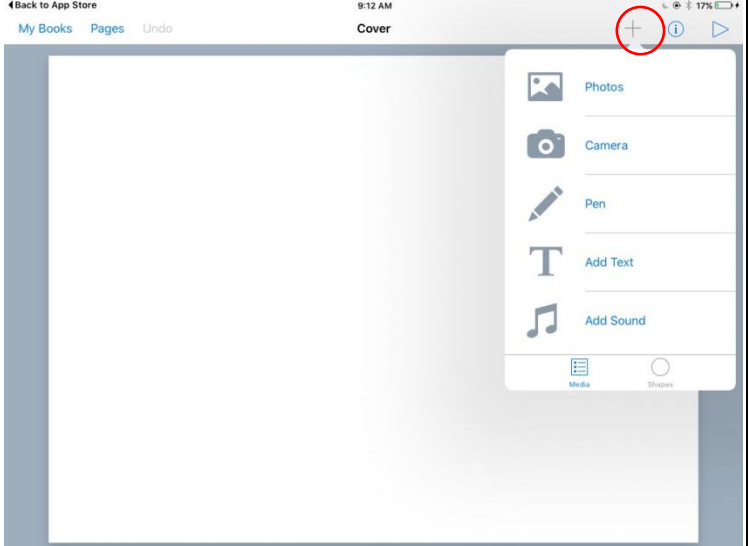
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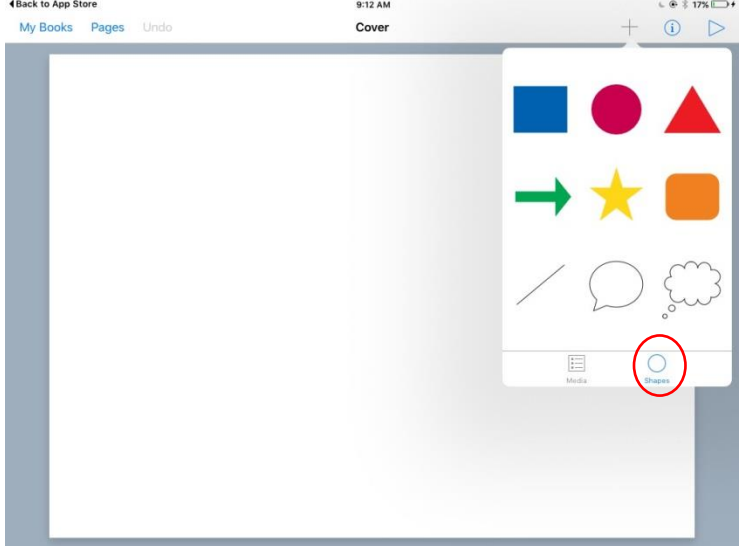
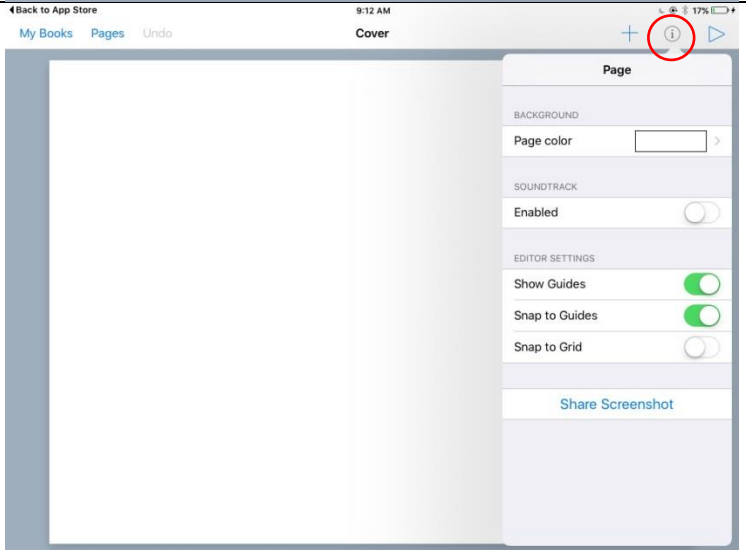

- Book Creator is currently only supported on MacBooks and iPads, but not iPhones.
- The free app – Book Creator One – is a teaser and it only allows the creation of one e-book per iPad. It also does not support the deletion of the entire e-book that has been created with a single click.
- Book Creator can be downloaded from the Windows, Apple App and Google Play stores. However, the app features are limited on non-Apple devices.


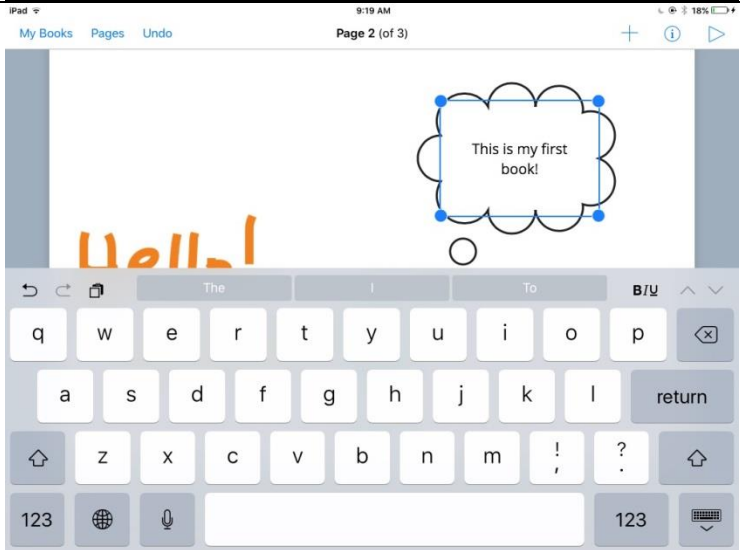

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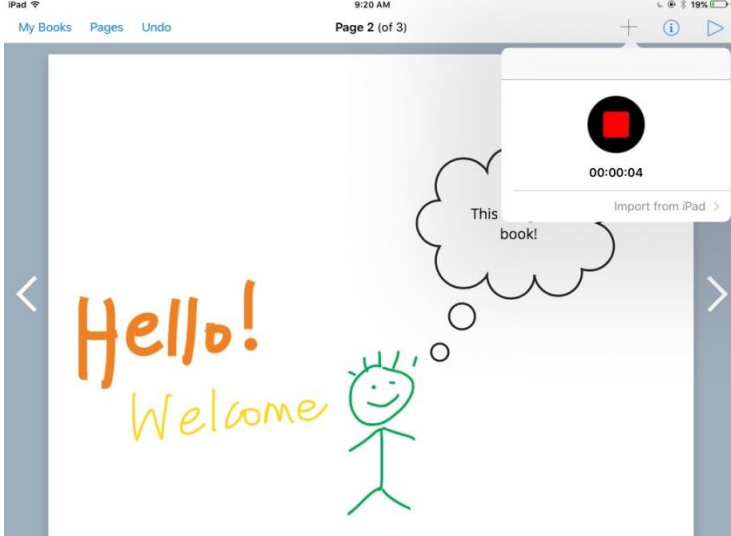
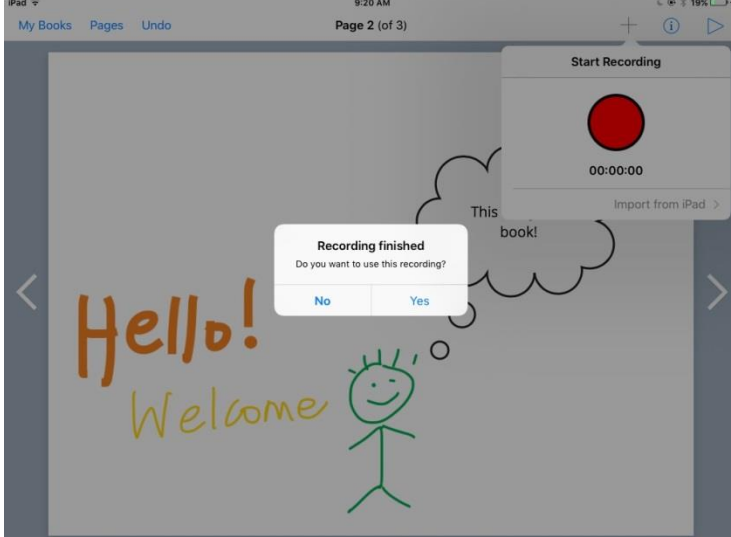
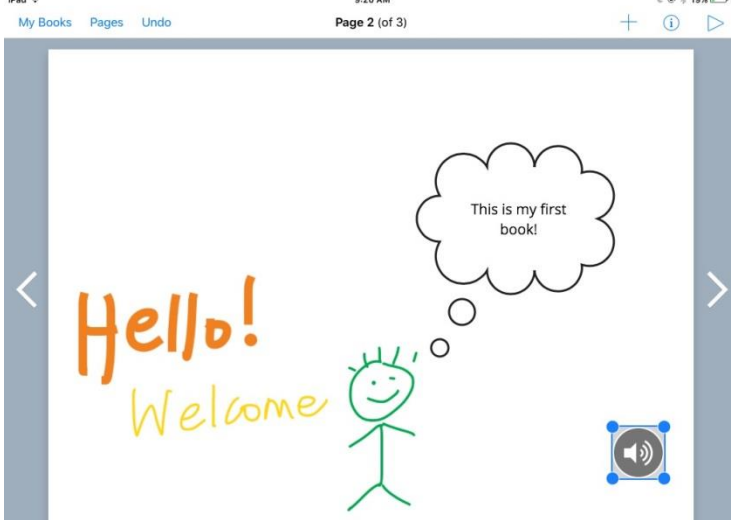
¹ For more information, go to <https://bookcreator.com>.

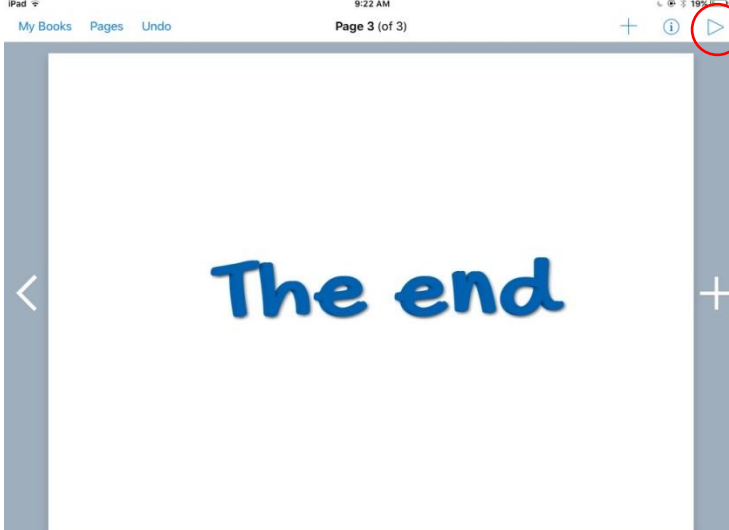




Refer to the table below for a step-by-step guide to create an e-book using **Book Creator**:

<p>1 Click on the '+' sign at the bottom of the page, then click on 'New Book' to create your book.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Getting Started' screen of the Book Creator app. At the bottom, a menu is open with the following options: 'New Book', 'Duplicate Book', 'Import Book', and 'Move to Bookshelf'. The 'New Book' option is circled in red.</p>
<p>2 You can choose the way your book is organised.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Choose a book shape' screen. It displays three main options: 'Portrait' (2:3), 'Square' (1:1), and 'Landscape' (4:3). Below these, there are three 'Comic' options: '2:3 Comic', '1:1 Comic', and '4:3 Comic'.</p>
<p>3 (a) Upon selecting the layout of your book, click on the '+' sign at the top right hand corner of the page and you may choose to do any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. add photos from your album; 2. take a picture using the camera; 3. use the freehand writing/drawing pen tool; 4. add typed text; or 5. record sounds and insert an audio file 	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Cover' page of a book. At the top right, a menu is open with the following options: 'Photos', 'Camera', 'Pen', 'Add Text', and 'Add Sound'. The '+' sign at the top right corner is circled in red.</p>

<p>(b) You may also choose to add a shape by clicking on the 'shapes' icon.</p>	
<p>4 Click on the 'i' icon and you may change your page colour. You can also change the font type, size and colour etc. of your typewritten text.</p>	
<p>5 (a) When choosing to write or draw, you can select the colour of the lines. (b) Click on <input type="button" value="More >"/> if you wish to have more colour options.</p>	

<p>(c) You may also select the thickness of your lines.</p>	
<p>6 You can also add text by typing out the words. However, do ensure that your text is <u>not</u> obscured by your drawings or the photos and videos that you have added in your book earlier.</p>	
<p>7 (a) Click on the '+' icon, then 'add sound' and you will see the options for 'live' recording or importing an audio or video file from your iPad.</p>	

<p>(b) Just click on the red button to start recording if you want to narrate, sing or compose music.</p>	
<p>(c) Click on the red button again to stop recording and you will see a dialogue box that pops up. (d) Click yes, and your audio file will be inserted into your book.</p>	
<p>(e) Your audio file can be moved anywhere on the page. When you publish your book, the icon for your audio file will <u>not</u> be featured.</p>	

<p>8 When you have finished creating all the different pages of your book, you are now ready to view your creation!</p> <p>Click on the play button at the top right hand corner of the page for further directions.</p>	
<p>9 It will bring you to an overview of the book. The buttons at the top serve the following functions</p> <p>(a)  Read to me : an automated voice will read aloud all the typewritten words</p> <p>(b)  : you can change the setting of how the book is narrated</p> <p>(c)  : you can select the option on how to publish your book</p>	
<p>10 Publishing can be done by exporting the book as a/an ePub, PDF file, or video.</p> <p><i>Note: If you have inserted audio and/or video files in your book, please publish it as a video for sound and/or motion display.</i></p>	