

## MAGIC BOOK

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There's a special book in our library. It can take you anywhere your imagination wants to go. There are just three rules.

Tell Granny where you are going.
Return home before sunset.
Never bring anything from the imaginary world back to the real world!

"Granny," said Sissy, "I want to spend a lazy summer afternoon on the farm, dipping my feet in the cool water, and watching the clouds."

"That sounds like a wonderful idea!" said Granny. "Here are some cookies and lemonade. Just remember to be back before sunset."



"Granny, can I play with a baby giraffe?" "That sounds like a wonderful idea!" said Granny. "Open the book to the Africa page. But remember that mother animals are protective of their young. Don't get between the baby and his mother. And watch out for hungry lions."



"Granny, can it be Christmas today?"

"Certainly!" exclaimed Granny. "Even on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! But remember that you can't bring any of your presents from the imaginary world back into the real world. You will have to leave them all behind when you return."



"Granny, can I go to the beach today?" "That sounds like a wonderful idea!" said Granny. "But keep the beach in the imaginary world. If you let sand and water spill all over my living room again, I will not let you use Magic Book for a week!"



"Granny, can I go to the Moon today?"

"That sounds like a wonderful idea!" said Granny. "Make sure your space suit doesn't leak. Watch out for unfriendly aliens lurking in dark craters! Be polite to the Moon people. And stand clear of the hot rocket exhaust."



"Granny, can I go to dino land today?"

"Only if you're going to be more careful than last time!" said Granny. "If you let them chase you up a tree again, you may not get home before sunset. And you know what happens then!"



"Granny, can I play alien invasion today?"

- "That too dangerous," said Granny. "Those watermelon-heads have ray guns!"
- "Please Granny? Pleeeeeeeeeeee?"

"OK," sighed Granny. "But if you get in trouble I will have to close the book again. And some of those watermelon-heads will get squished in the process."





## Logic will get you from A to Z. But imagination will get you everywhere!