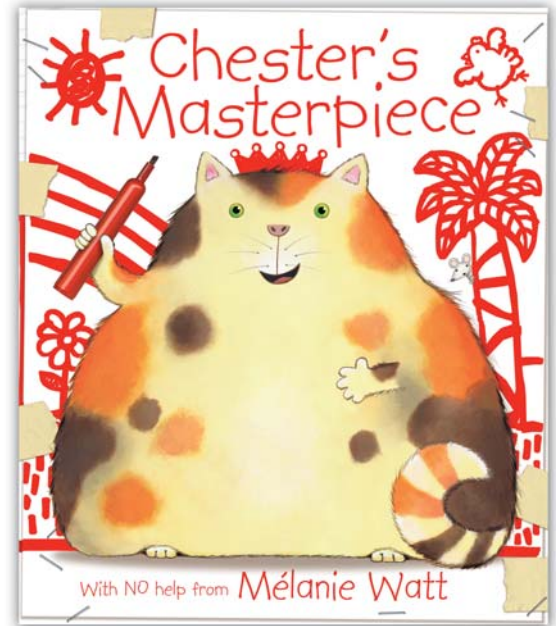


Dear Friend,

The third title from the bestselling series is the most uproarious Chester book yet. Chester is finally ready to go solo and write his own masterpiece — he just needs to get pesky author-illustrator Mélanie Watt out of the way.

These storytime suggestions and activities for *Chester's Masterpiece* are intended to enhance your storytime event, whether it's in a bookstore, library, classroom or at home. *Chester's Masterpiece* teaches children how good stories are constructed and is a wry comment on the creative process.

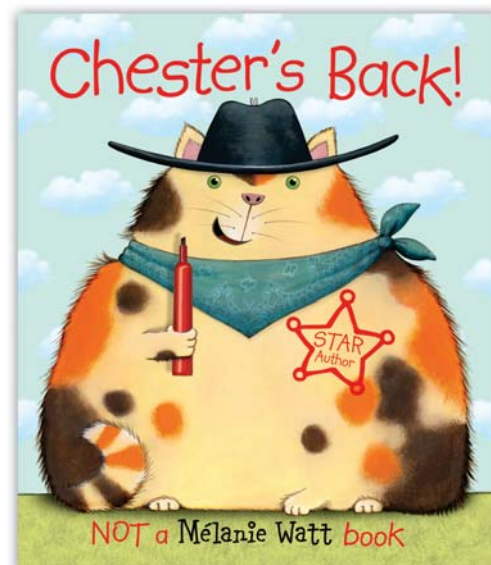
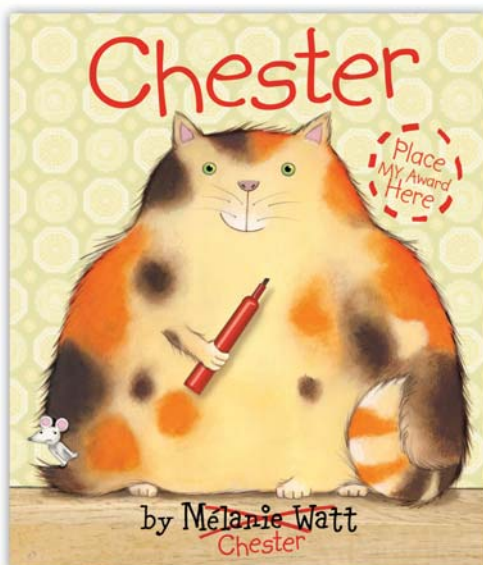


### **About the series:**

The Chester series pits an egomaniacal cat named Chester against the author-illustrator — the acclaimed Mélanie Watt — who created him. Unlike any other book character, Chester is never satisfied with his creator's work, so he tries to do it himself — with hilarious results. This battle of the picture-book makers provides an insider's look at the creative process.

Recommended for ages 4–8.

————— **Read all of Mélanie Watt's Chester books!** —————



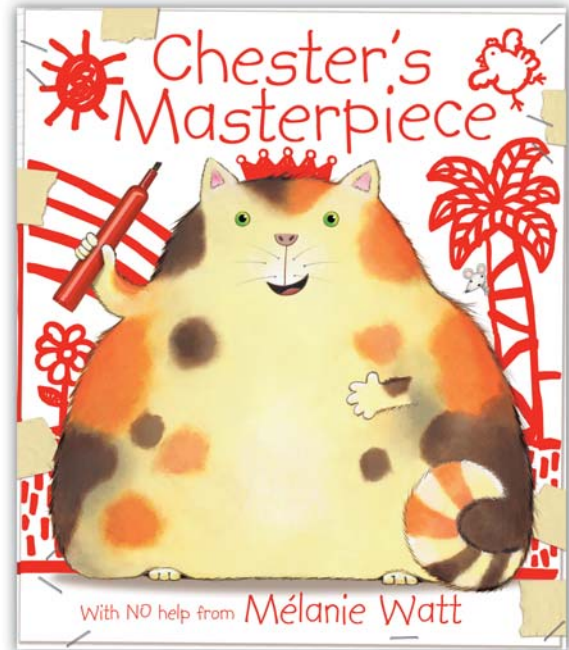
# Storytime Suggestions for *Chester's Masterpiece*

## Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character. Don't forget to store all your props in a bin for next time.

You might include:

- red marker
- package of sticky notes
- little mouse
- chef's hat
- pirate eyepatch



## Activity Materials

- pencils and pencil crayons
- red marker
- photocopies of each activity

## Before Storytime

Ask your group what their favorite kinds of stories are. Romance? Suspense? Horror? Science fiction? Action?

## During Storytime

Ask your group if they know what writer's block is. Is Chester experiencing it?

Chester thinks that he's the greatest author and illustrator in the entire universe. Does your group agree with Chester's opinion of himself? Does he need Mélanie's help as he's writing the story?

## After Storytime Activity

Explain that a good story should include the following elements and ask the group what each term means:

- setting
- action
- hero (or main character)
- characters (other than the hero — villains, sidekicks, etc.)
- an ending

For more fun, hand out a copy of the "Chester's Fantastic Word Search" activity to every person in the group.



# Chester's Super-Talented and Brilliant Certificate



awarded to

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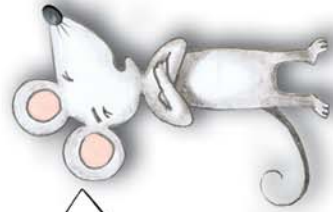
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## Chester's Masterpiece

**NOT** written and illustrated by Mélanie Watt  
and it's the best, most original story ever!

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don't go  
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# Chester's Fantastic Word Search

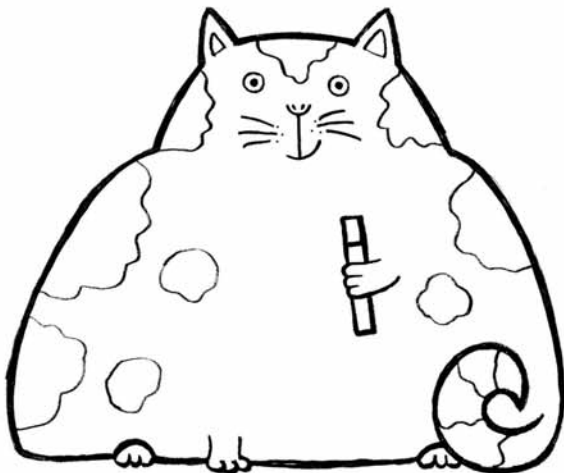
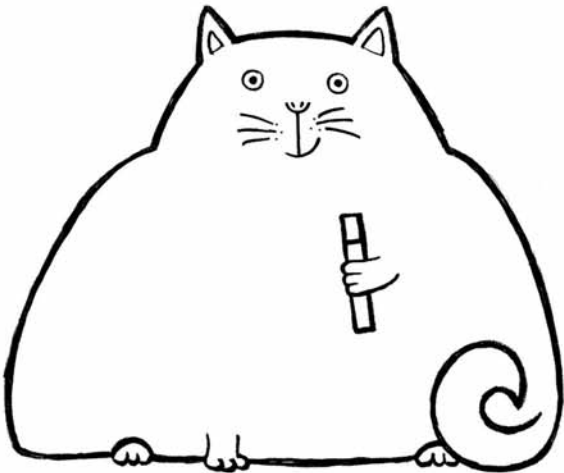
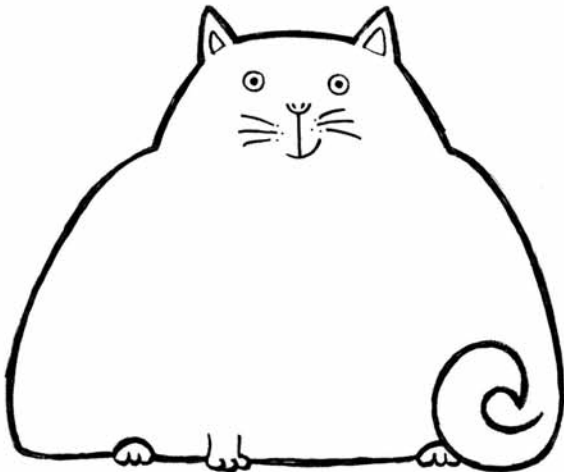
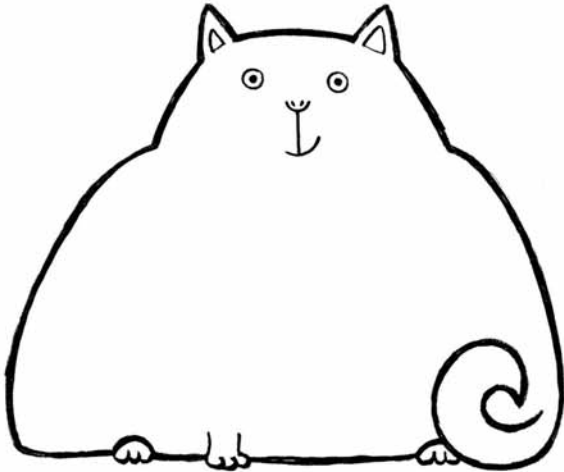
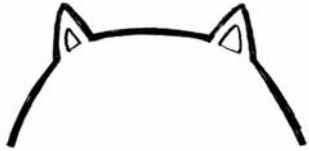
Can you find and circle the words listed in the box on the left?

- STORY
- SETTING
- WRITER'S BLOCK
- ACTION
- HERO
- CHARACTERS
- VILLAIN
- HAPPY ENDING

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Follow these 6 easy steps to draw your very own Chester:



# Answers

## Chester's Fantastic Word Search

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