

Xiomara & Co.

PERSONALIZED BOOK DISCOVERY INTERVIEW

Helping us create a story in which your child feels seen, understood, supported, and loved.

Parent/Guardian

Child's name

Consultation date

**Requested
completion date**

Welcome

Thank you for trusting Xiomara & Co. with your child's story. Your answers will guide the writing, illustrations, emotional message, and personal details of the book. Please share only what feels comfortable. Sensitive information will not be included unless you clearly approve it.

The heart of the story: If your child remembers only one sentence from this book, what do you want that sentence to be?

1. Getting to Know Your Child

Tell us who your child is beyond the basic facts—the little details that make them wonderfully themselves.

Child's full name and preferred name or nickname:

Age and birthday:

What pronouns should be used in the story?

Describe your child in five words:

What makes your child laugh or light up?

What are their favorite things? *Colors, animals, toys, foods, books, music, hobbies, places, or characters*

What are they especially good at or proud of?

What makes your child unique?

Is there a phrase, expression, or funny saying they use often?

2. The Heart and Purpose of the Book

Why would you like this book created?

What experience, feeling, transition, challenge, or accomplishment should the story explore?

How would you like your child to feel while reading the book?

How would you like your child to feel when the story ends?

What lesson or message should the story gently communicate?

Are there any subjects, words, scenes, or approaches you do not want included?

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| ☐ Birthday or milestone | ☐ Starting or changing schools |
| ☐ Big feelings | ☐ Confidence or self-esteem |
| ☐ Friendship or belonging | ☐ Family change |
| ☐ Neurodiversity or disability acceptance | ☐ Grief, healing, or remembrance |
| ☐ A special accomplishment | ☐ Other: _____ |

3. Feelings, Needs, and Emotional Safety

There are no wrong answers. This section helps us portray your child respectfully and choose support strategies that fit your family.

What situations tend to feel difficult, frustrating, scary, or overwhelming for your child?

How does your child usually show that they are worried, angry, sad, overwhelmed, or excited?

What helps your child feel safe, understood, or calm?

What words does your family use when talking about emotions?

Are there affirmations, routines, songs, sensory tools, comfort items, or coping strategies that help?

How should caring adults respond when your child is having a difficult moment?

Are there behaviors or experiences that must be portrayed especially carefully—or not portrayed at all?

4. Family, Friends, and the Child's Village

Who are the most important people in your child's support village?

What name does your child use for each person? *For example: Mom, Mommy, Nana, Pop-Pop, Auntie*

Who should appear in the story, and what role should each person have?

Are there family traditions, inside jokes, sayings, or special memories you would like included?

Are there any people or relationships that should not be included?

Should a pet appear? If yes, share the pet's name, type, appearance, and personality.

Is there a comfort object, imaginary friend, or special helper that should appear?

5. Character Appearance and Visual Details

Describe your child's skin tone, hair color and texture, hairstyle, eye color, and facial features:

Does your child wear glasses, hearing devices, mobility aids, jewelry, or another consistent item?

What clothing or colors should your child wear in the story?

Are there physical characteristics that must be represented accurately and respectfully?

Describe the appearance of each supporting character:

What visual details should remain consistent on every page? *Hairstyle, glasses, earrings, favorite hoodie, assistive device, etc.*

☐ Realistic setting

☐ Magical setting

☐ A blend of realistic and magical

☐ No preference

6. Story and Book Choices

Where should the story take place?

What challenge or important moment should the child experience?

Who or what helps the child move through that moment?

What accomplishment or joyful moment should the story celebrate?

What should happen on the final page?

☐ Little Keepsake: 12–16 pages

☐ Signature Story: 20–24 pages

☐ Legacy Keepsake: approximately 35–40 pages

☐ Not sure—please recommend

Please include:

☐ Custom cover

☐ Dedication

☐ Personal letter

☐ Family tribute

☐ Affirmations

☐ Calming strategies

☐ Activities or reflections

☐ Resource page

Preferred format:

☐ Digital print-ready PDF

☐ Printed binder

☐ Printed and laminated binder

☐ Not sure

7. Photographs, Privacy, and Permission

Please do not provide photographs of anyone unless you have permission to use them as references for this project.

Names of people whose reference photographs will be provided:

- ☐ I am the parent/legal guardian of the child featured in the book.
- ☐ I have permission to provide the reference photographs submitted for this project.
- ☐ I authorize Xiomara & Co. to use the submitted photographs only as visual references for creating this book.
- ☐ I understand that illustrated likenesses may not be exact photographic replicas.

Portfolio and promotional permission—choose one:

- ☐ PRIVATE: Do not display or share any pages from this project.
- ☐ LIMITED: Selected pages may be displayed only after identifying details are removed.
- ☐ APPROVED: Selected finished pages may be shown in Xiomara & Co.'s portfolio or promotional materials.

Sensitive information that must remain private or must not appear in the book:

8. Project Approval

Before final production, the parent or guardian will review the written story and selected visual details. Two revision rounds are included unless otherwise stated in the chosen package. Additional pages, characters, revisions, printing, or rush service may require an additional fee.

Who will provide the final approval for the story and illustrations?

Best email address:

Best telephone number:

Anything else you want Xiomara & Co. to know about your child or family?

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Xiomara & Co. project representative

Consultation completed

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