

Whipper Snapper

A photography activity book for kids



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A message from Aaron Huey



Aaron & Hawkeye Huey, Joshua Tree National Park, California

Putting a camera in the hands of a child results in much more than just pictures. It can teach them how to interact with people and explore the world around them. I started Hawkeye off on an inexpensive instant camera when he was 4 years old. He was so small that he tilted a bit with the huge analogue camera in his hands. But I didn't want him to learn about taking photographs by holding his finger on the touchscreen of a smartphone, I wanted to slow down the process so that each frame meant something.

This photography activity book suggest lots of fun photo quests for your little one to do on your travels. Remember this isn't about them taking "perfect" photos, it's about having fun and seeing the moments of your trip through your little one's eyes.

- Aaron Huey

TIPS TO GET THE LITTLE ONES STARTED

- Get a camera with basic functions and a camera strap.
- Talk through each part of the camera - lens, eyepiece, flash, shutter button, and zoom.
- Use a solid surface like a table or bench to help steady the camera.
- Kids have a thing about taking lots of photos of the same thing. Put a limit on the number of shots they can take.



Keep an eye out for the camera icon on each page for tips on how you can help your little ones with their photo quest.

Hello Explorer!

You are off on an exciting adventure. You are about to see lots of things, people and places you may never have seen before. Your explorer quest is to take lots of photos so you can show friends what you saw when you get home. Grab your camera and get ready for action!



Explorer, you are on an amazing journey to a new place. You might be travelling by plane, by train, by car, by boat or even by Tuk Tuk! Sometimes a journey can be just as exciting as the rest of your adventure, so have a look around. What can you see? Are there trees, or statues, or castles?



Hawkeye by the New York - New York Casino in Las Vegas, age 6



Lake Powell, Arizona by Hawkeye Huey, age 6

Photo quest

Your first quest is to take five photos that show where you are. Think about what kind of photos your friends at home would like to see. Are you ready? Okay, take a big step back to get as much as you can in the shot.

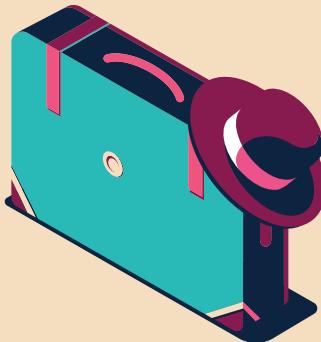


TIP FOR GROWN-UPS

“There will be lots of interesting places and things your little one will see on their trip. You can guide them towards more exciting shots, and take them to the things you all want to see (the pictures are always better!) For example: I grew up in a place with a lot of cowboys, and I love watching rodeos, so I took Hawkeye to a rodeo and made up a little photo assignment for him to take photos and capture what he saw. It was an easy place for him to take photos because there was lots of action, including horses, cows, sheep, and lots of people to take portraits of.”

- Aaron Huey

Explorer, meeting new people is fun. Because you come from different places, there is so much you can learn from each other! What kinds of people can you spot? What are they doing? What do their clothes look like?



How do
you do?

Hawkeye shooting the Cody Nite Rodeo in Cody, Wyoming, age 4



Twister Thomas, Balloon Man, Pike Place Market Seattle, by Hawkeye Huey, age 5

Photo quest

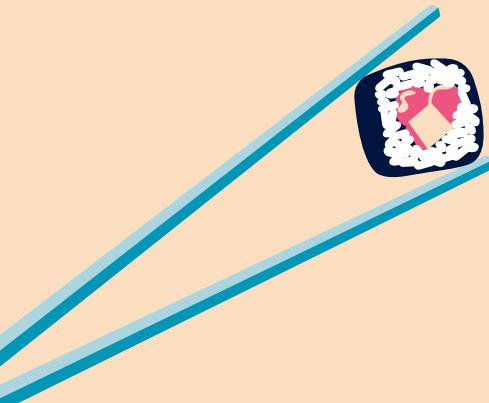
Take photos of five new people you meet. You could look out for people wearing colourful clothes, big hats or pretty glasses. They might be dancing or singing or playing an instrument. There's no need to be shy, ask them if you can take their photo! Some people may say no, and that's okay. Most people will be happy to have their photo taken. See if you can take a close up photo of your new friend's face, then step back and take another one that shows where they are.



TIP FOR GROWN-UPS

"Meeting people was the reason I got my son behind a camera. Every interaction was a chance to learn about a new world and a new way of life different than our own. When you take your little one to meet the people they want to photograph, be sure to get them to introduce themselves first, then ask the person their name, and ask permission to take their photo. In darker places or in shade I like Hawkeye to have his flash on when photographing people because it helps pop the subject out from the background. Show your child how moving forward or backwards a few steps can make photos of people dramatically different. Get them to take one of each and compare." - **Aaron Huey**

Explorer, it's time to try some local food! You'll need a full tummy to keep you going on your adventure, so why not try some tasty treats? Take photos of any new foods you like. Keep an eye out for any types of food with bright colours or interesting shapes.



Hawkeye photographing a sushi chef and his sushi dinner in Seattle, age 6



Sushi Chef, Seattle, Washington, by Hawkeye Huey, age 6

Photo quest

It's time for a close up! Try taking five close up photos of your food. This can be the food on your plate that you're eating, food cooking in a restaurant, or ingredients for sale in the shops or streets. Colourful fruits, vegetables or fresh fish are always fun to photograph!



TIP FOR GROWN-UPS

“Most cameras have a close-up or “Macro” setting for photographing food or tiny objects. Set your little one’s camera for them to avoid blurry photos. A walk around the fish market, or the fruit stands of a local farmers market can make for colourful detail shots.”

- Aaron Huey

Explorer, there are so many amazing things that we find on our travels. You've probably seen lots of things that you wouldn't see at home. Have you spotted anything that stands out? Be on the lookout for colourful lanterns, spiky palm trees, bobbing boats, shiny shells, big statues, or funny signs.



Hawkeye photographing at Joshua Tree National Park, California, age 5



Statue of Liberty, New York - New York Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada by Hawkeye Huey, age 5

Photo quest

Try and find five different objects that are the same colour as each other. They can be different shapes and sizes as long as the colour is the same. Take a photo of each of them, so you can compare them at the end. Can you pick a favourite out of the bunch?



TIP FOR GROWN-UPS

“Hawkeye and I often focused on statues and signs when he was young, partially because they were less intimidating than a stranger if he was feeling shy, but also because signs, statues, art and souvenirs were all around us in our travels and made for great focal points in the images.” - **Aaron Huey**

Hooray! You did it.

You finished your photo quest, well done! Now don't forget to pick the photos you like the best and show them to your friends when you get back home.



About the photographers



Aaron and Hawkeye Huey are father and son photographers from Seattle, Washington, USA.

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His son Hawkeye is a six year old rising photography talent. He is the youngest photographer to be published by National Geographic and is a published author of the photography book - "Cowboys/ Indians/Hobos/Gamblers/Patriots/Tourist & Sunsets (a Portrait of the American West)"



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