

Letterboxing With Kids: A Guide to Getting Started

What is Letterboxing?

Letterboxing is a fun and challenging outdoor activity that combines hiking, treasure hunting, and puzzle solving. The goal of letterboxing is to find hidden boxes, called letterboxes, that contain a logbook and a stamp. Letterboxes can be found all over the world, and there are many different ways to find them.



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Letterboxing is a great activity for kids because it is both educational and entertaining. Kids can learn about history, geography, and nature while they are searching for letterboxes. They can also develop their problem-solving skills and their sense of adventure.

Getting Started

If you are interested in getting started with letterboxing with kids, there are a few things you will need:

- **A letterboxing kit.** A letterboxing kit typically includes a compass, a magnifying glass, a flashlight, and a notebook. You can purchase a letterboxing kit online or at a local sporting goods store.
- **A map.** A map will help you to find letterboxes. You can find maps online or at your local library.
- **A GPS unit.** A GPS unit can help you to find letterboxes that are located in remote areas. You can purchase a GPS unit online or at a local electronics store.
- **A sense of adventure!** Letterboxing is a great way to get outdoors and explore your surroundings. Be sure to bring a positive attitude and a willingness to have fun.

Finding Letterboxes

There are many different ways to find letterboxes. You can search for letterboxes online, or you can use a GPS unit to find letterboxes that are located near you. You can also find letterboxes by asking other letterboxers for clues.

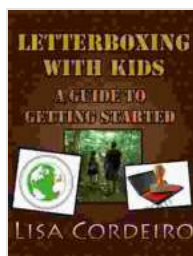
Once you have found a letterbox, be sure to sign the logbook and leave your own stamp. You can also leave a message for other letterboxers.

Tips for Letterboxing with Kids

- **Make it a family affair.** Letterboxing is a great activity for the whole family. Everyone can participate in the search, and everyone can enjoy the rewards.

- **Start with easy letterboxes.** If you are new to letterboxing, start with easy letterboxes that are located in well-populated areas. As you gain experience, you can start to search for more challenging letterboxes.
- **Be prepared for the outdoors.** Be sure to bring plenty of water, snacks, and sunscreen. You may also want to bring a raincoat or umbrella in case of bad weather.
- **Have fun!** Letterboxing is a great way to get outdoors and enjoy the beauty of nature. Be sure to take your time and enjoy the experience.

Letterboxing is a fun and educational activity that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. If you are looking for a way to get your kids outdoors and active, letterboxing is a great option. With a little planning and preparation, you can have a great time letterboxing with your kids.



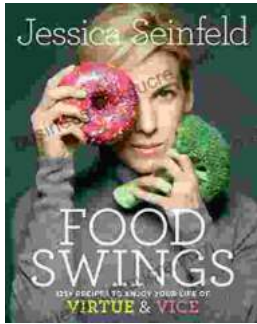
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