

Magic Treehouse

Pat

Group of writer's sitting down around a table in business casual.
Carey and Mark are sitting at the head of the table.

CAREY

Good morning everyone

EVERYONE

Ad lib-

Good morning

CAREY

Alright, everyone, we are looking to come up with some more concepts for the next few books. We left off last time with Magic Treehouse #370 School at sundown about Jack and Annie's graduation from high school.

MARK

Right right, and we need to map out the next few books. We are continuing the twin's progression with our target audience so the twins are 19 years old now.

CAREY

Remember, Merlin had a stroke and is no longer in the picture, Jack and Annie are probably struggling with this, but more importantly, they can not access the magical treehouse portal right now, meaning all of their adventures are stuck in reality. We are taking advantage of this to target the older audience with some real-life lessons.

LIAM

Of course, and I was thinking the logical next step is to send Jack and Annie off to college but keep them at the same school. Maybe have them struggle with separation and discovering who they are. I'm thinking of something like Utopia at the university

and the adventure be the first week of classes.

SARA

I love that idea Liam. Let's work off that. I think Pastime at the party could be a potential following adventure. Jack and Annie get invited to their first college party and things probably get a little out of hand. But the two of them work together to make sure they get back to their rooms safely.

JENNIFER

Mhmm, mhmm, and I think the logical next step would be Magic Treehouse: A Week being Written Up. I think we have developed Annie's wild streak and this could be an excellent opportunity to discuss the nuances of blackout public urination and show our readers there is a right and wrong way. Jack and Annie are subject to punishment by school administration but discover that we are not defined by our bad decisions along the way.

CAREY

That would lead seamlessly into my book number #374, Dropout at Daybreak. Jack is struggling with alcohol abuse and Annie misses home, but most of all the two miss each other. I think we could explore the concept of a Gap year here, it's becoming more and more common for kids deciding what to do with the rest of their lives.

MARK

Wow, yes a gap year is perfect. Jack would have plenty of time for what we all know college kids are doing these days. I think that makes the next book - Magic Treehouse #375: Midnight at the Methadone. Jack is on crack. One hit is sometimes really all

it takes and suddenly you've lost 30 pounds, turned the treehouse into an opium den, and alienated yourself from any meaningful support of friends and family.

LIAM

I was thinking the same thing, but I don't think Annie can be the one to save him this time. I think this would be the perfect opportunity to reintroduce Merlin to deliver what might be in my opinion the most important message of our entire series: Crack Iraq.

CAREY

Crack Iraq?

LIAM

It's supposed to be crack is wack, but Merlin is suffering from aphasia and struggling through speech therapy.

CAREY

I love it. We could even introduce back in the portal when Merlin comes back. This is the perfect cliffhanger to leave our audience wanting more. Great job everyone, let's everyone try and have a preliminary copy of their book done by next month so we can read each and edit them at our next meeting.