

# Flat Stanley

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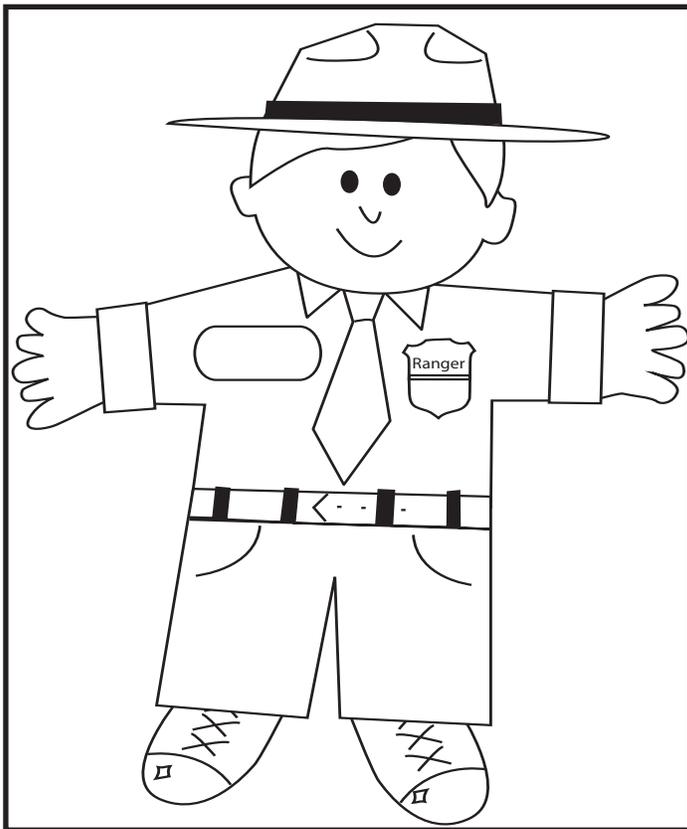


## What is Flat Stanley?

*Flat Stanley* is a children's book written by Jeff Brown in 1964. In the book, Stanley is flattened when a large bulletin board falls off the wall above his bed. This doesn't bother him though, and he goes on to have many adventures. In fact, being flat means he can go anywhere he wants by being mailed in an envelope!

## What is the Flat Stanley Project?

The Flat Stanley Project was started by Dale Hubert in 1994. His idea was to come up with children's activities that encouraged literacy and also made them want to learn and write about the adventures that Stanley went on. The author, Jeff Brown, was so thrilled with Hubert's idea that he wrote a new book about Flat Stanley. The project has become so popular with schools that Flat Stanleys are being mailed to new locations all the time! Over 6,000 schools participate in the program in over 88 countries worldwide. Visit [www.flatstanley.com](http://www.flatstanley.com) to learn more about the project.



## How can my class participate in the Flat Stanley Project?

After your class has read the book, just have your students decorate their own Flat Stanley. Then have them choose where they'd like to send it. Mail him out with a brief letter of introduction and wait for a reply. It's really that easy! You may want to send out multiple Stanleys, since they can sometimes get lost in the mail.

## Where can I get a Flat Stanley?

You can obtain a Flat Stanley either by visiting the Flat Stanley Project website at [www.flatstanley.com](http://www.flatstanley.com) or by downloading one of our Flat Rangers! You can download either a boy or girl Flat Ranger (like the one to the left) from our website at <http://www.nps.gov/whsa/forteachers/classrooms/flatstanley.htm>.