



COMICS CLUB

**A GUIDE TO HOSTING
YOUR OWN GRAPHIC NOVEL
BOOK CLUB!**

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HOSTING A GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB!

Creating your own graphic novel book club is a wonderful and engaging way to reach readers! Here are tips for holding your event, both in-person and virtually.

1. PICK A THEME/GENRE/TOPIC OR BOOK!

The beauty of graphic novels is they aren't just a format—they are rich with themes and topics in a multitude of genres. We've made some suggestions for books to use, as well as how to initiate conversations about themes and topics in the next few pages.

2. SET A DATE AND SPREAD THE WORD

Use your social channels, newsletters, or an event ticket site like Eventbrite or Ticketfly to tell people what, when, and where! Continue to post and promote so fans can get excited about joining you. Encourage them to share with others!

3. STOCK YOUR SHELVES!

You'll want to make sure you have plenty of your book club picks available! Create a section in your store and on your website that highlights your picks and encourages participation in your book club! Your kit also comes with a poster and shelftalker so you can promote our RH Graphic books!

4. MAKE IT A MONTHLY THING!

There are SO MANY graphic novels, and kids cannot get enough of them. So consider establishing a graphic novel book club with a new pick each month!

5. HOW TO USE OUR KIT!

We've included a few fun items to get your readers excited for summer reading.

First, scan the following page "All booked with RHG" and hand out to families as they visit your location! Make sure to point them toward your graphic novels so they can find these great books.

Giveaways: Also included are bookmarks and Comics Club buttons that you can give away to families who join your book club session.

6. SHARE WITH US!

We would love to hear more about your awesome book clubs and how we can help you promote them! Tag @RHKidsGraphic and we'll feature your event on our social channels.





ALL BOOKED WITH RH GRAPHIC

AMAZING COMICS TO ADD TO YOUR SUMMER READING!

Check off the ones you've read this summer!

SLICE-OF-LIFE!

- THE CARDBOARD KINGDOM
BY CHAD SELL
- STEPPING STONES
BY LUCY KNISLEY
- KATIE THE CATSITTER
BY COLLEEN AF VENABLE
AND STEPHANIE YUE

ADVENTURE!

- PACEY PACKER:
UNICORN TRACKER
BY J. C. PHILLIPPS
- THE RUNAWAY PRINCESS
BY JOHAN TROJANOWSKI
- BUG BOYS
BY LAURA KNETZGER

MAGIC & FANTASY!

- THE MAGIC FISH
BY TRUNG LE NGUYEN
- WITCHES OF BROOKLYN
BY SOPHIE ESCABASSE
- HAM HELSING
VAMPIRE HUNTER
BY RICH MOYER

SUPERHEROES!

- MAX MEOW: CAT CRUSADER
BY JOHN GALLAGHER
- HILO
BY JUDD WINICK
- SUPER SIDEKICKS
BY GAVIN AUNG THAN



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HOST A THEMED BOOK CLUB!

Theme: Magic and witchcraft!

Featuring Sophie Escabasse's *Witches of Brooklyn!*



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WITCHES OF BROOKLYN QUESTIONS

Suggested questions for *Witches of Brooklyn*:

1. Who was your favorite character, and why?
2. Are Effie and her aunts good witches or bad witches?
3. What did you think about Tilly Shoo and what happened to her? Why do you think that was an important lesson?
4. Why do you think witches are so popular in stories?
5. Who are some of your favorite witches from books, TV, or movies?
6. If you found out you were a witch, what's the first thing you'd do?



HOST A TOPIC BOOK CLUB!

Topic: Coming-out stories in YA literature

Featuring Trung Le Nguyen's *The Magic Fish!*



THE MAGIC FISH QUESTIONS

Suggested questions for *The Magic Fish*:

1. In this story, Tien can't find the word for *gay* in his parents' native language. What challenges does this present in the story?
2. Why is this important in the story's wider context? What does it tell us about communication?
3. What struck you when you saw the reference to Matthew Shepard's death?
4. Why was it important for Helen to change the last fairy tale when reading to Tien?
5. What was the significance of the fairy tales?
6. Why are stories like Tien's important to the discussion of LGBTQ+ representation?



HOST A GENRE BOOK CLUB!

Genre: Slice-of-life stories

Featuring Lucy Knisley's *Stepping Stones*!



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STEPPING STONES QUESTIONS

Suggested questions for *Stepping Stones*:

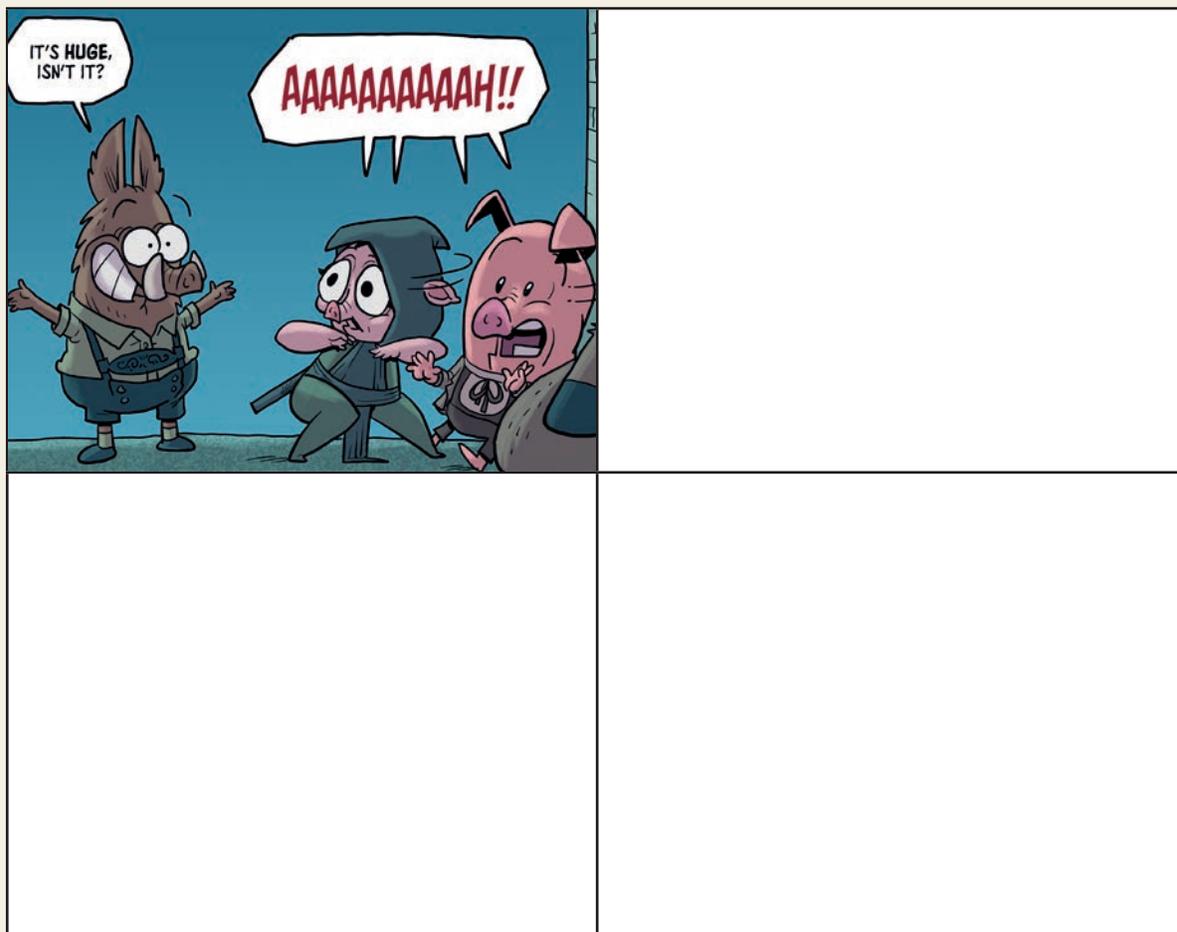
1. How does Jen deal with the many changes happening in her life?
2. What kind of big changes have happened in your life, and how did you handle them?
3. Who was your favorite—Jen or Andy?
4. Jen is good at drawing. What are you good at?
5. *Stepping Stones* is based on real events that happened to author Lucy Knisley. Why do you think telling real stories is important?



HOST A DRAWING BOOK CLUB!

Idea: Draw your own short story featuring Ham Helsing!

What's great about graphic novels? The amazing art!
So try hosting a Draw Along event!



STEP 1: Pick a book!

STEP 2: Get supplies! You'll need plenty of space, paper, pencils, crayons, or markers!

*For virtual events, email out a suggested supply list!

STEP 3: Have kids draw what they think comes next above.

STEP 4: Then ask them to pick a favorite panel from the book, and start drawing their own story from there! Think of it like fan fiction!

YOUR FALL SNEAK PEEK!

MIDDLE-GRADE & YOUNG ADULT MUST-HAVES!



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