



Lit Kits

For Tween Book Club
9-12 Year olds

McAllen Public Library Lit Kit Procedure

Lit Kits are available for check-out to McAllen Public Library cardholders for use in facilitating book clubs. Lit Kits are boxed in containers with up to 16 books of the same title and include a binder with book discussion questions and an inventory tracker for use by the book club facilitator.

Searching for Lit Kits

- A list of current Lit Kits is available in our catalog. To search, type “lit kits” in the “Search the Catalog” field on our webpage:
<http://www.mcallenlibrary.net>.
- Patrons with a current McAllen Public Library card can place a hold on a lit kit and select the preferred MPL branch pick-up location. The patron will be notified when the kit is ready for pick-up.

Borrowing and Returning Kits

- Lit Kits are checked out for six weeks and may be renewed one time.
- One Lit Kit may be checked out per library cardholder at one time.
- Only one library cardholder may check out a Lit Kit. This person is responsible for returning the complete kit by the due date.
- Single copies of the books in the kits cannot be checked out.
- Lit Kits must be returned to any McAllen Public Library location.
- A daily late fee of .10 cents a day per unit will be assessed for kits returned after the due date. Replacement costs will also be charged for lost or damaged materials.
- Library staff will check the content of each Lit Kit at the time of check-out and check-in. The replacement of any missing items shall be the responsibility of the cardholder.

Book: Invisible

By Christina Diaz Gonzalez & Gabriela Epstein

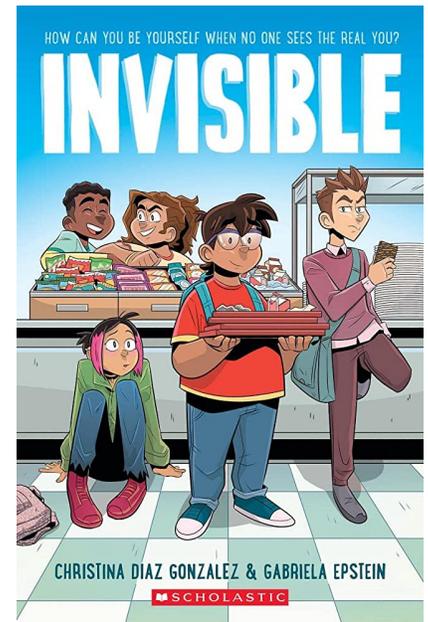
Published: 2022

Ages: 10+

Pages: 208

Genre: Graphic Novel, Tweens, Community Service, Coming-of-Age, Latino

Stand Alone Title



BOOK SUMMARY

How can you be yourself when no one sees the real you?

Five students meet in the school cafeteria when they're forced to complete their school community service hours.

There's George: the brain

Sara: the loner

Dayara: the tough kid

Nico: the rich kid

Miguel: the athlete

Although they're sure they have nothing in common with each other, some people see them as all the same... just five Spanish-speaking kids. Then they meet someone who truly needs their help, and they must decide whether they are each willing to expose their own secrets to help... or if remaining invisible is the only way to survive middle school.

Source: <https://christinagonzalez.com>

THEMES

TWEENS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, COMING-OF-AGE, SPANISH-SPEAKERS

MEDIA REVIEWS

“Illuminating and engaging... with a sweet twist at the end, multifaceted characters, and moments of genuine comedy, this is pitch-perfect!” – Booklist

“A welcome addition to any graphic novel collection, Invisible skillfully explores the negative impact of stereotyping while also offering an entertaining and spirited reading experience.”
– School Library Journal

” A fresh and cleverly conceived take on The Breakfast Club... colorful and engaging... celebrates individuality and community while transcending language barriers.” – BookPage

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Christina Diaz Gonzalez is the Edgar® award-winning and best-selling author of several novels including *The Red Umbrella*, *A Thunderous Whisper*, *Moving Target*, *Concealed*, *Invisible: A Graphic Novel*, and *The Bluest Sky*. Her books have received numerous awards and have also been designated as an American Library Association’s Best Fiction for Young Adults selection, a Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People, a Junior Library Guild Gold Selection, and as an International Reading Association’s Teachers’ Choice book. Christina currently lives in Miami, Florida with her husband, sons, and a dog that can open doors.

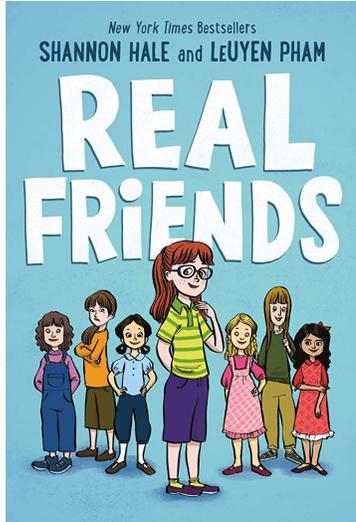


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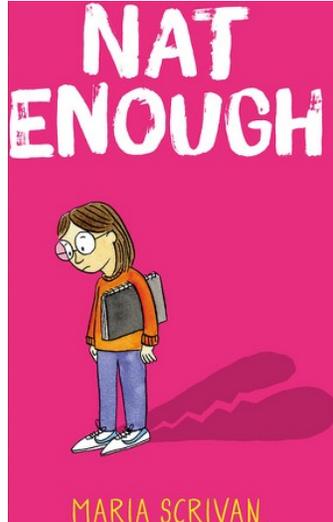
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Is there a character you related to most?**
- 2. Do the translations in the book help you understand English or Spanish better?**
- 3. Why is it important not to judge others?**
- 4. How did the characters find ways to relate and communicate?**
- 5. The book teaches us that everyone is allowed to be more than one thing. What two or more things are you?**
- 6. How did the ending make you feel?**

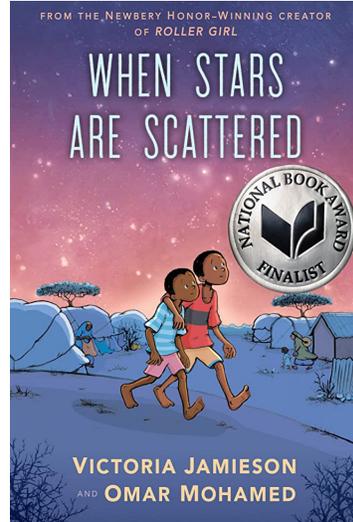
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CHECK OUT THESE SIMILAR TITLES :



Real Friends
by Shannon Hale



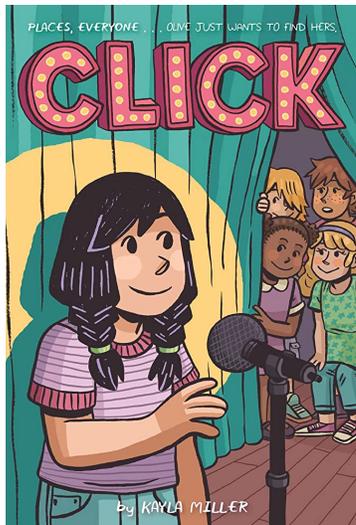
Nat Enough
by Maria Scrivan



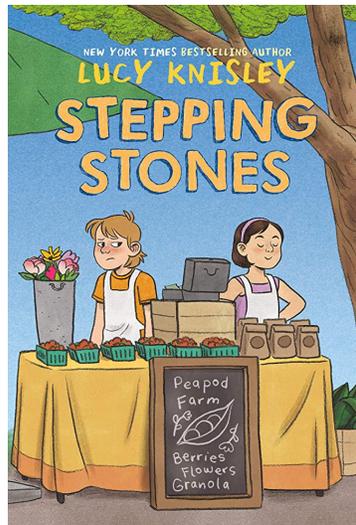
When Stars are Scattered
by Victoria Jamieson



Ungifted
by Gordon Korman



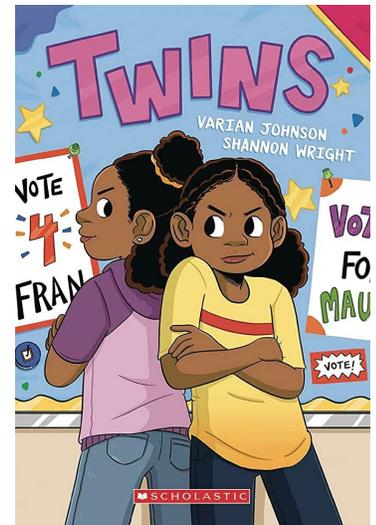
Click
by Kayla Miller



Stepping Stones
by Lucy Knisley



Spy Camp
by Stuart Gibbs



Twins
by Varian Johnson

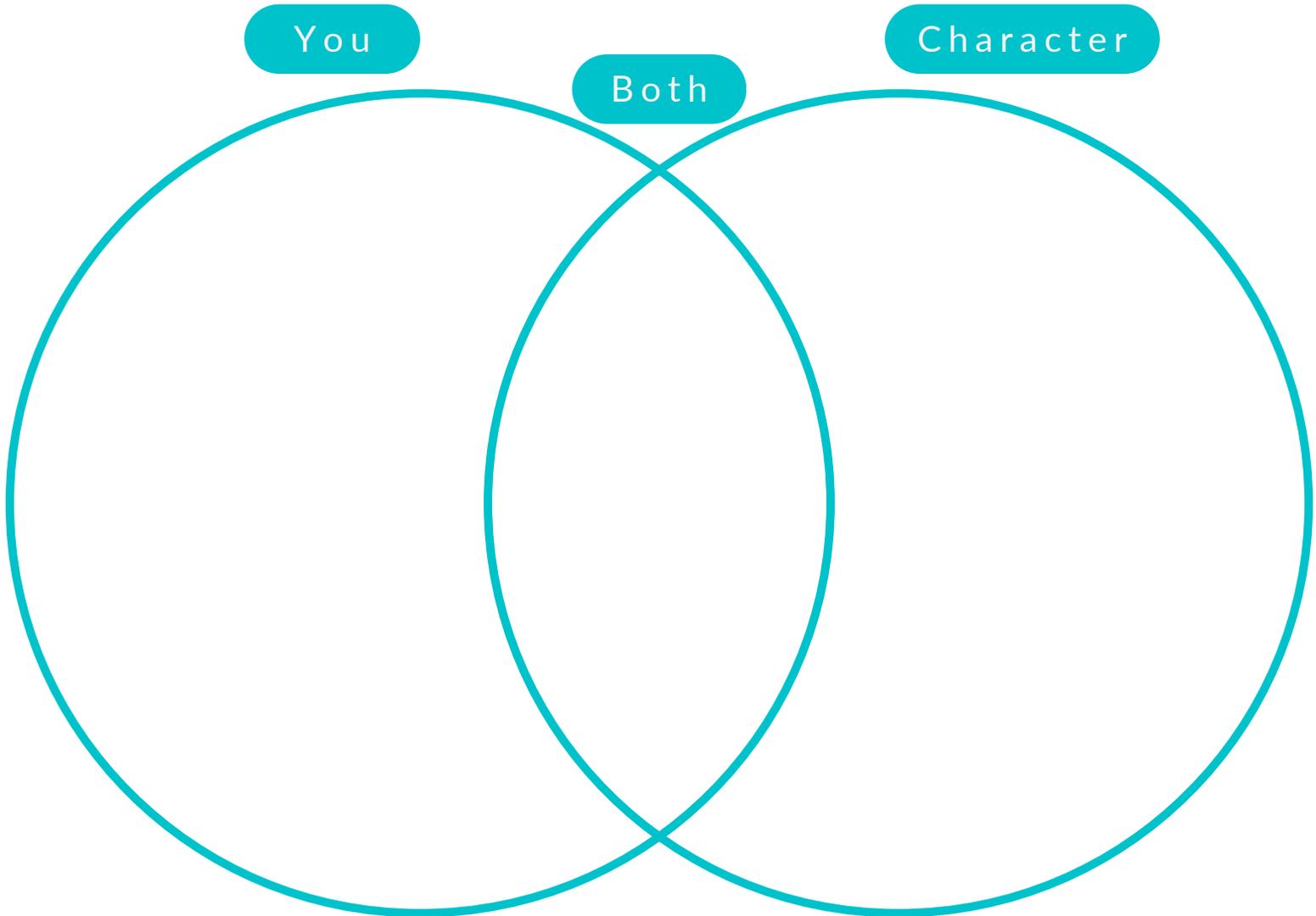
INVISIBLE ACTIVITY

Create a Venn Diagram that compares your life to the life of one of the characters. Write your own experiences in the left circle. In the right circle, put some problems the character faces in the book. In the middle, write things that both you and the character have experienced.

You

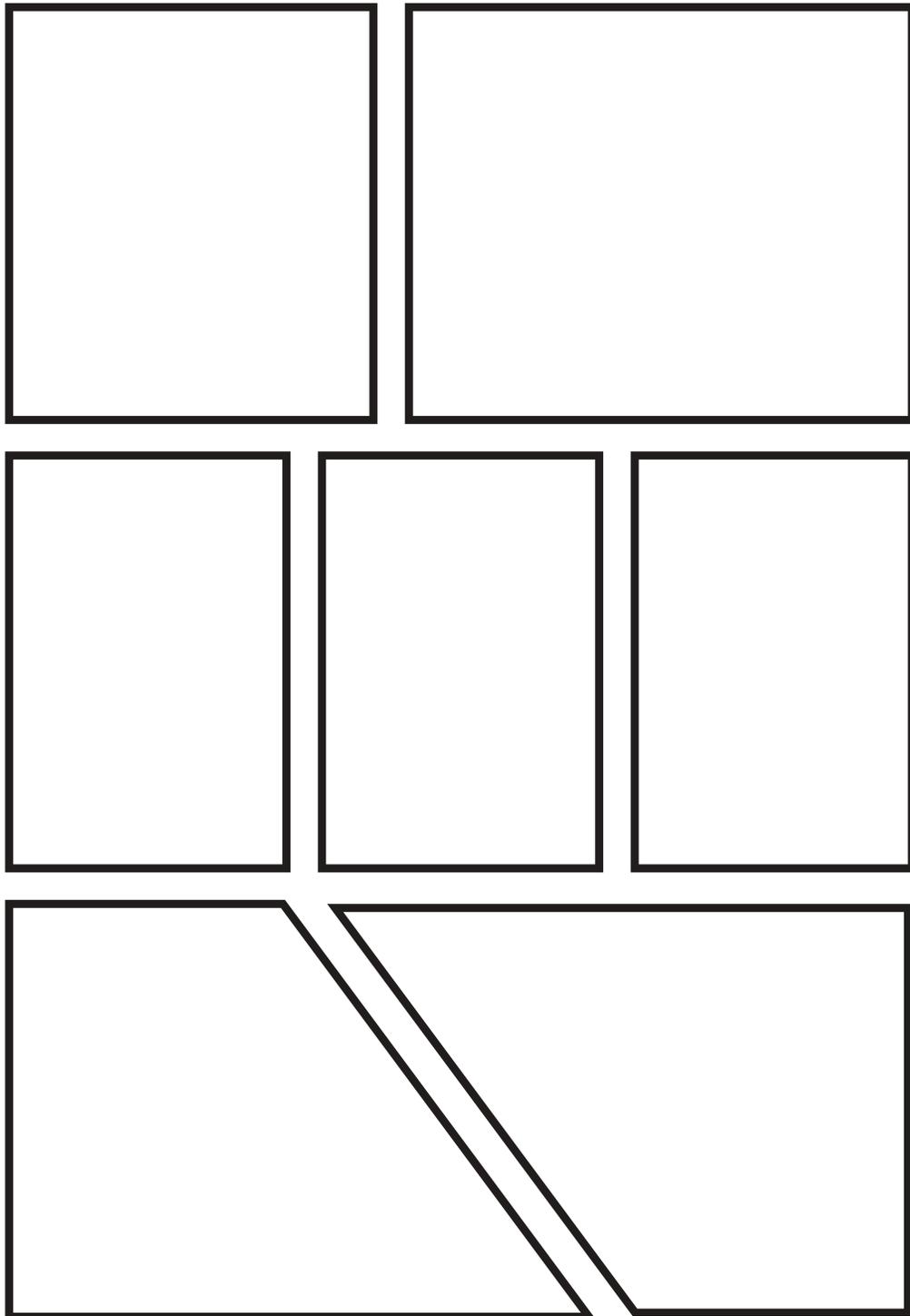
Character

Both



INVISIBLE ACTIVITY

Create a graphic novel about your life.



A grid of seven empty rectangular boxes for creating a graphic novel. The top row has two boxes. The middle row has three boxes. The bottom row has two boxes, with a diagonal line separating them.

INVISIBLE GAMES

Play a game of Telestrations

Game Rules:

Each round, a prompt will be given to one player. That player has to draw the prompt. None of the other players can know the prompt. The next player will write down what they think the prompt is based on the drawing. The next player will have to draw that prompt. The game continues in that pattern for 6 drawings. Then, the next prompt will be given.

Prompts:

1. Friendship
2. Puerto Rico
3. Doll
4. Soccer
5. Limousine

Play a game of Telephone

Game Rules:

Line up all players into a single file line. The leader will whisper a sentence to the player next to them. That player will then whisper what they heard to the next player until the message is whispered to all players. The last player will reveal the final message and see if it matches the leader's. **BONUS:** Try it with hand gestures instead of sentences.

Prompt Ideas:

1. In Puerto Rico they say "Qué es la que hay?"
2. Remember the brain, the loner, the tough kid, the rich kid, and the athlete.
3. Nico rides in a sleek, fancy, expensive, luxurious limousine.
4. George and his friends discover everyone is more than one label.
5. Students forced to complete community service together may have a lot in common.

Use these activities as a conversation starter about the power of judgement, perception, assumptions, and rumors.