

## **KIDS BOOK CLUB**

*November 2017 Selection*

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### ***Kristy's Great Idea* by Ann M. Martin & Raina Telgemeier**

Kristy, Mary Anne, Claudia, and Stacey are best friends and founding members of The Baby-sitters Club. Whatever comes up—cranky toddlers, huge dogs, scary neighbors, prank calls—you can count on them to save the day. Baby-sitting isn't always easy, and neither is dealing with strict parents, new families, fashion emergencies, and mysterious secrets. But no matter what, the BSC have what they need most: friendship.

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#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What prompts Kristy to start The Baby-sitters Club?
2. Each girl has a job within the club. How does each job suit each girl's personality? Which job fits your personality?
3. How does keeping a record of their baby-sitting jobs help the girls? What other kinds of record keeping might be useful in your life?
4. Do you think Kristy treats Watson fairly? Why or why not?
5. Why do you think Kristy writes letters to her mother and Watson instead of talking to them?

6. Why doesn't Kristy want to babysit Watson's children? How does she feel toward them after she eventually does?
7. Which baby-sitting job do you think was the hardest—Pinky and Buffy, Jamie Newton and his cousins, or Watson's children? Which do you think was the easiest?
8. What does Kristy learn about herself from the fight with her friends?
9. What information was Stacey hiding from the other members of The Babysitters Club? How do the other girls react to her news?
10. What type of club would you like to form with your friends? Explain your choice.

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- You might also enjoy *The Truth About Stacey* (<http://www.booksamillion.com/p/9780545813891>)