

## **The Baby-Sitters Claudia and Mean Janine**

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Claudia, the vice president of The Baby-Sitters Club, is having a difficult time connecting and interacting with her older sister, Jeanine. Jeanine is a very intelligent person who thinks about things logically, while Claudia is an artistic person who is not very intelligent when it comes to certain school topics. Claudia is having trouble with her math class at school and is trying to get a good grade on her upcoming tests so her parents will let her focus on her art. When Claudia and Jeanine get into a conflict, they do not notice how Mimi, their grandmother, is not feeling well. This causes Mimi to faint and the sisters rush Mimi to the hospital. The doctors tell Claudia and her family that she will be alright, but the recovery will be difficult. The Baby-Sitters Club hosts their first summer playgroup and they embark on many new conflicts such as handling many children at once and children not getting along.

One thing I enjoyed about this book was how it was very sibling related. I was able to understand the situations that the main character was going through easily since it had related to the topic of siblings. It also demonstrated something suspenseful, specifically when Mimi fainted and the audience did not know what was going to happen. One thing I did not enjoy was the conflicts that The Baby-Sitters Club had gone through. Many of them were not attracting me as a reader and I had just read them so that I could find more hidden aspects of Claudia and her family.

I would recommend you check out the first book of the series at the library and therefore based on your impression of the book you can decide to purchase the next. Since this book is part of the series I recommend that you read the first through the library because if you did not like the book you can easily return it without wasting money. I would purchase these books if you enjoyed the first book because each book after goes into more depth about each of the characters of The Baby-Sitter Club. By going into more depth can allow you to get to know how the characters came to be and what difficulties they went through. I would give the first book to a friend to see if they are interested. This would allow them to decide if they would like to purchase the next book based on the initial thought of the first book. I recommend this book for the ages between 13-15 because it does have flirtatious language.

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