

The Baby-Sitters Club Kristy's Great Idea

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A middle school girl, Kristy, comes up with the idea to start a baby-sitters club after seeing how many young children lived in her neighborhood as well as noticing how many times her mom was looking for a sitter to babysit her youngest brother, David-Michael. She tells her best friend, Mary-Anne, and after hearing about the idea they decide to tell their friend, Claudia, about it. They begin to plan out how “The Baby-Sitters Club” is going to function and how they will meet each week in Claudia’s bedroom to take calls and discuss upcoming events. Claudia invites her new friend, Stacy, who moved from New York City. Stacy seems to be very cautious about her help, but the girls respond to it very positively. “The Baby-Sitter Club” embark on a variety of babysitting events such as babysitting dogs, difficult parents, and creepy houses. To gain experience from each other they start a notebook, which calls the members right down to their babysitting experience.

I enjoyed how the book expanded over time and how it allowed you to relate to it easily because it talked about school issues and growing up as a girl trying to become more mature. I also liked the drawings in the book because they were simple yet a perfect representation of how each event in the book would entail. I did not like how the book was something you could not read over and over again. With most books, you can read the book over and over again and it is exciting each time. However, with this book, it is very boring to read over and over again.

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