



Junior Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd

1. What is Maggie's biggest problem in the story? What solution does she find in the end? What are some of the other issues Maggie has with her family and friends, and how does she resolve them?
2. Maggie has big emotions throughout this story. Did you notice what types of situations caused her the most distress, and why do you think she feels emotions so strongly?
3. In *Allergic*, Maggie compares her unlucky life with Claire's perceived lucky one. If you were Maggie, how would you try to see the good things in your life instead of all the apparent bad?
4. Claire and Maggie are good friends. How is each girl a good friend to the other, and how do they let each another down? What advice would you give to both girls about friendship?
5. Discuss Maggie's relationships with her siblings. How do these relationships affect her development? Does her family dynamics affect her sense of belonging and identity, and would her feelings change if she had a different perspective?
6. Why do you think the author chose to tell this story in a graphic novel? Are there any benefits to this form of storytelling?
7. Have you ever had a pet that played a big part in your life? What was that relationship like, and how did they help you?
8. Maggie is allergic to animals with fur, so she must find an animal that is the right pet for her. If you could design an animal for yourself, what would that look like?

The above questions were created by Clarington Library, Museums & Archives staff to enhance your discussion of the book.

Author Biography

Megan Wagner Lloyd is the Eisner-nominated writer of the bestselling and award winning kids' graphic novels *Allergic* and *Squished*, and the Super Pancake kids' graphic novel series. She is also the author of the picture book *How to Catch Some Zzzs* and several more books. She lives with her family in the Washington, DC area.

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