

# 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: Squished**  
**By Megan Wagner Lloyd**  
**Published: 2023**

**Ages: 8+**

**Pages: 256**

**Genre: Graphic Novel, Middle Grade**

**Stand Alone Title**



## BOOK SUMMARY

Eleven-year-old Avery Lee loves living in Hickory Valley, Maryland. She loves her neighborhood, school, and the end-of-summer fair she always goes to with her two best friends. But she's tired of feeling squished by her six siblings! They're noisy and chaotic and the younger kids all love her a little too much. All Avery wants is her own room — her own space to be alone and make art. So she's furious when Theo, her grumpy older brother, gets his own room instead, and her wild baby brother, Max, moves into the room she already shares with her clinging younger sister Pearl! Avery hatches a plan to finally get her own room, all while trying to get Max to sleep at night, navigating changes in her friendships, and working on an art entry for the fair. And when Avery finds out that her family might move across the country, things get even more complicated.

*Source:* <https://meganwagnerlloyd.com/>

## THEMES

FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP, COMING-OF-AGE

# MEDIA REVIEWS

"A charming and achingly relatable snapshot of life in a big family." - Kirkus Reviews

"Nutter's warm and appealing artwork comically captures the crowded chaos of the Lee household and the matter-of-fact diversity of the town, and the sun-dappled visuals will appeal to anyone who loves the work of Raina Telgemeier or Shannon Hale... This stirring and dynamic graphic novel is sure to win a lot of hearts." - Booklist

"Avery's plights are amusing and approachable, with art from Nutter that is gentle and light-filled. This engaging graphic novel tackles very real feelings and will keep readers invested in Avery's life. Highly recommended." - School Library Journal

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Megan Wagner Lloyd is the Eisner-nominated author of the bestselling and award winning kids' graphic novels *Allergic* and *Squished*, co-created with illustrator Michelle Mee Nutter, and the *Super Pancake* kids' graphic novel series, co-created with illustrator Abhi Alwar. Megan is also the author of the children's novel *Haven: A Small Cat's Big Adventure*, the kids' activity book *The Creative Writing Playbook*, illustrated by Madeline Garcia, the picture book *Finding Wild*, illustrated by Abigail Halpin, and several more picture books. She lives with her family in the Washington DC area.



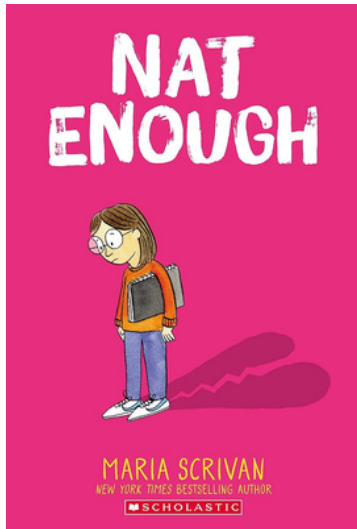
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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How important is it to have your own space?**
- 2. What are some ways to cope with a hectic environment?**
- 3. How does the art work help tell the story?**
- 4. How did the ending make you feel?**
- 5. What did you learn from the story?**



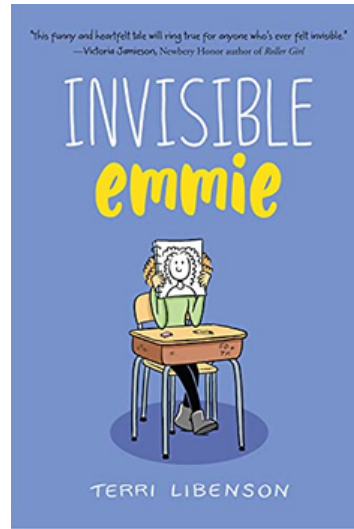
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by Maria Scrivan



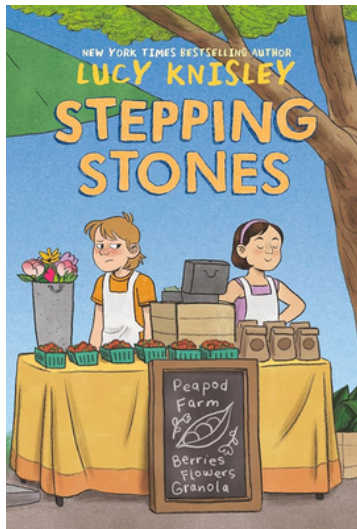
*Allergic*  
by Megan Wagner Lloyd



*Invisible Emmie*  
by Terri Libenson



*All's Faire in Middle School*  
by Victoria Jamieson



*Stepping Stones*  
by Lucy Knisley



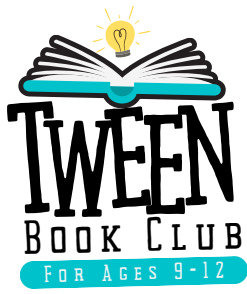
*Real Friends*  
by Shannon Hale



*Click*  
by Kayla Miller



*Twins*  
by Varian Johnson & Shannon Wright



# SQUISHED ACTIVITY

Draw your dream room.