



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.

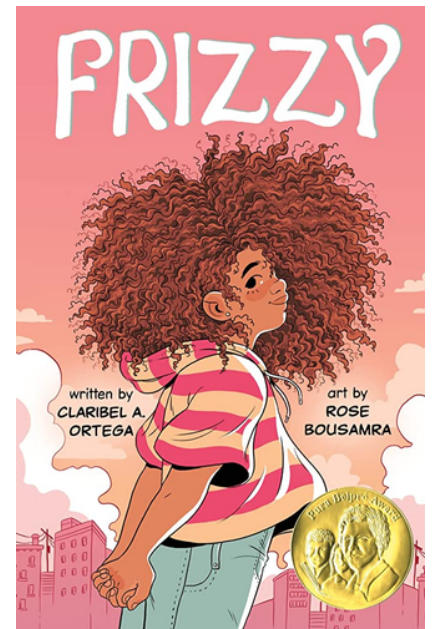
Book: Frizzy
By Claribel A. Ortega
Published: 2022

Ages: 9+

Pages: 224

Genre: Graphic Novel, Prejudice, Hair, Grief, Bullying, Black Excellence, Latine community

Stand Alone Title



BOOK SUMMARY

A middle grade graphic novel about Marlene, a young girl who stops straightening her hair and embraces her natural curls.

Marlene loves three things: books, her cool Tía Ruby and hanging out with her best friend Camila. But according to her mother, Paola, the only thing she needs to focus on is school and growing up. That means straightening her hair every weekend so she could have presentable, good hair.

But Marlene hates being in the salon and doesn't understand why her curls are not considered pretty by those around her. With a few hiccups, a dash of embarrassment, and the much-needed help of Camila and Tia Ruby--she slowly starts a journey to learn to appreciate and proudly wear her curly hair.

Source: <https://www.claribelortega.com>

THEMES

PREJUDICE, HAIR, GRIEF, BULLYING, BLACK EXCELLENCE

MEDIA REVIEWS

"Marlene's journey of personal growth will evoke catharsis and joy. An exquisite excavation of hair politics, family dynamics, and self-love."—Kirkus Reviews

"Ortega's narrative shows the complex arc of Marlene's emotional growth—from exuberance to sadness, self-reflection to empowerment—captured with aplomb in Bousamra's expressive illustrations." — Horn Book

"In the creators' graphic novel debut, themes of anti-Blackness, colorism, and self-acceptance are explored with nuance and honesty. The subject of internalized racism is discussed in a way that will resonate with kids and families grappling with it for the first time." — School Library Journal

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

New York Times Bestselling and award-winning author, Claribel A. Ortega is a former reporter who writes middle-grade and young adult fantasy inspired by her Dominican heritage. When she's not busy turning her obsession with eighties pop culture, magic, and video games into books, she's co-hosting her podcast Bad Author Book Club. Claribel is a Marvel contributor and has been featured on BuzzFeed, Bustle, Good Morning America and Deadline.

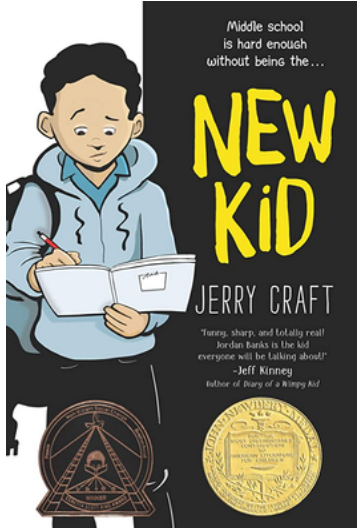


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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How is your hair and clothing important to the way you express yourself?**
- 2. Why do you think Marlene's mom is obsessed with Marlene's hair being straightened?**
- 3. What is one way you can take pride in your natural beauty?**
- 4. Does it matter what others think about you?**
- 5. What are some things you could try outside of your comfort zone?**

IF YOU LIKED FRIZZY,
CHECK OUT THESE SIMILAR TITLES :



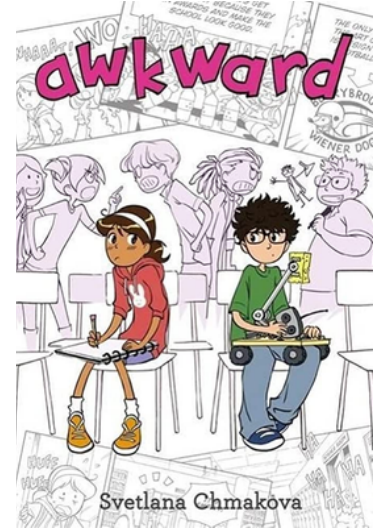
New Kid
by Jerry Craft



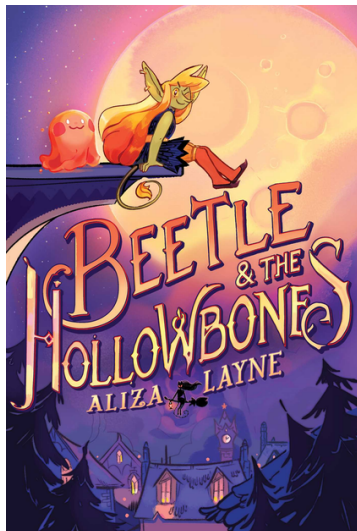
The Okay Witch
by Emma Steinkellner



Katie the Catsitter
by Colleen AF Venable



Awkward
by Svetlana Chmakova



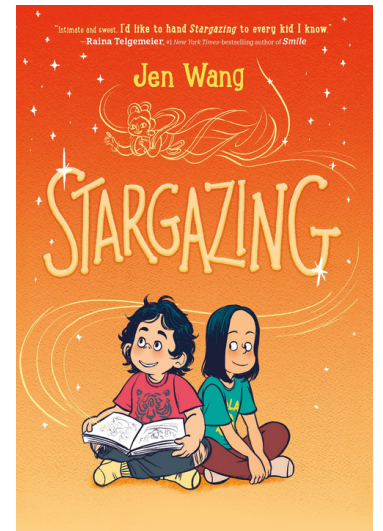
Beetle & The Hollowbones
by Aliza Layne



Drama
by Raina Telgemeier



Be Prepared
by Vera Brosgol



Stargazing
by Jen Wang

FRIZZY WEEK!

SOURCE: [HTTPS://WWW.CLARIBELORTEGA.COM/EDUCATORS-TEACHERS](https://www.claribelortega.com/educators-teachers)

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BRAIDS DAY

BRAID YOUR HAIR ANY STYLE YOU LIKE.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW IS YOUR HAIR AND CLOTHING IMPORTANT TO THE WAY YOU EXPRESS YOURSELF?



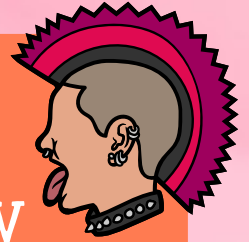
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THROWBACK DAY

TRY A RETRO HAIR STYLE!

ADD BUTTERFLY CLIPS, BOWS, TINSEL, BEADS, OR MAYBE STYLE A MOHAWK!

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU COULD TRY OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE?



3

HAIR CARE DAY

REMEMBER TO HYDRATE YOUR HAIR! TRY HAIR MASKS, SCALP OILS, AND MASSAGE YOUR SCALP.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DOES IT MATTER WHAT OTHERS THINK ABOUT YOU?



4

RAINBOW HAIR DAY

COLOR YOUR HAIR WITH HAIR CHALK.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHY DO YOU THINK MARLENE'S MOM IS OBSESSED WITH MARLENE'S HAIR BEING STRAIGHTENED?



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NATURAL HAIR DAY

WEAR YOUR HAIR NATURALLY AND PROUD!

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU CAN TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR NATURAL BEAUTY?



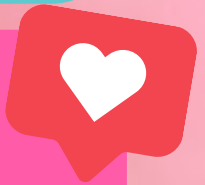
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Match the word with the picture.

Tía



Orgullosa



**Dominican
Republic**



Arcoíris



Trenza

