

# 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.

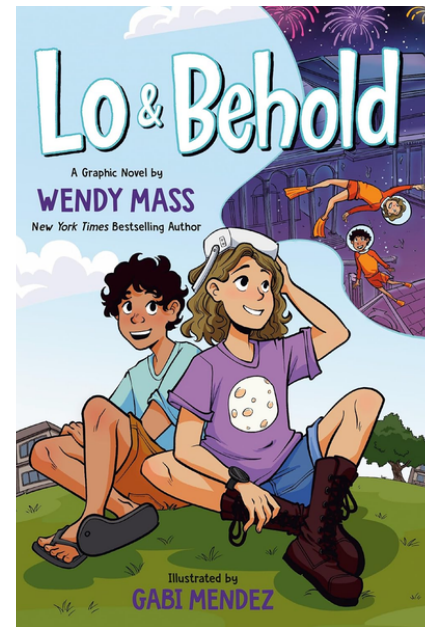
**Book: Lo & Behold**  
**By Wendy Mass**  
**Published: 2023**

**Ages: 10+**

**Pages: 224**

**Genre: Graphic Novel, Middle Grade**

**Stand Alone Title**



## BOOK SUMMARY

*Can a virtual reality headset help change the way twelve-year-old Addie looks at things?*

When you're named after a 250-year-old tortoise, you grow up believing life is full of possibilities and wonder. But ever since Addie's family got turned upside down, those things have been harder for her to see.

The last thing Addie wants to do is make a new friend, but when her dad's summer job takes them across the country, she meets Mateo and finds herself caught up in an exciting project. With the help of a virtual reality headset, she's suddenly scaling castle walls, dodging angry kittens, and seeing the world in whole new ways. Plus, she has an idea that could be bigger than anything she's imagined before, but can she right some wrongs first . . . or is it too late?

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

## THEMES

CONNECTION, FRIENDSHIP, FANTASY, VIRTUAL REALITY, GEOCACHING

# MEDIA REVIEWS

"This artfully rendered graphic charmer is carefully nuanced and adroitly paced, exploring such issues as addiction, grief, and technology's role in our lives." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Edge-of-the-seat virtual reality adventure scenes are delicately balanced with accessible and thought-provoking plotting....encourages empathy and introspection." —*Publishers Weekly*

"No goggles or controllers are needed to fully immerse yourself in this summer STEM story about family, friendship, and empathy." —*School Library Journal*

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Wendy Mass is the New York Times bestselling author of thirty-one novels for young people (which have been translated into 32 languages and nominated for 91 state book awards), her first was *A Mango-Shaped Space* (which was awarded the Schneider Family Book Award by the American Library Association). She also wrote *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* (which was made into a feature film), Wendy wrote the storyline for an episode of the television show *Monk*, entitled "Mr. Monk Goes to the Theatre," which aired during the show's second season. She was named the New Jersey Association of School Librarian's 2018 Author of the Year. Odd hobbies include geocaching, virtual reality, and magic tricks. She lives with her family in northwest New Jersey.



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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

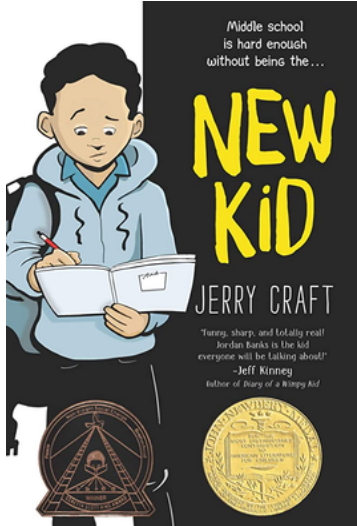
1. **What was your favorite part of the book?**
2. **Do you believe Virtual Reality and devices isolate people or can it connect people?**
3. **How can we use VR to teach?**
4. **Is it healthy to use VR?**
5. **What do you think technology will be like in the future?**

# ACTIVITY

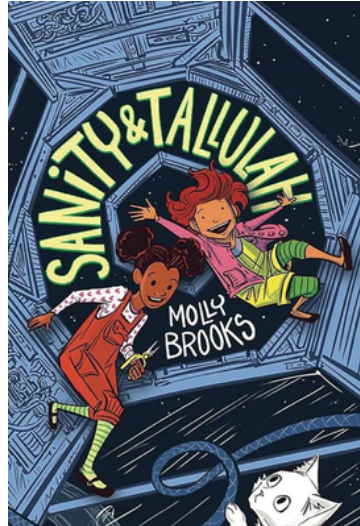
Visit the author's website and follow their Augmented Reality Scavenger Hunt with the link:

<https://wendymass.com/books/lo-and-behold/>

IF YOU LIKED LO & BEHOLD,  
CHECK OUT THESE SIMILAR TITLES :



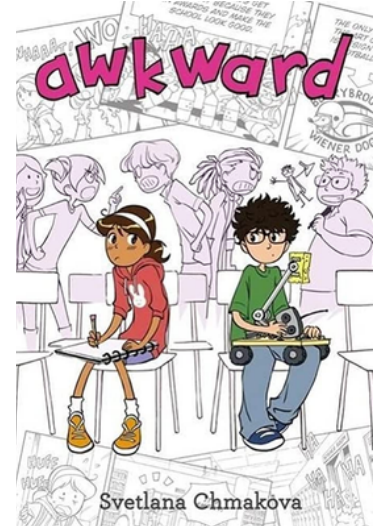
*New Kid*  
by Jerry Craft



*Sanity & Tallulah*  
by Molly Brooks



*Katie the Catsitter*  
by Colleen AF Venable



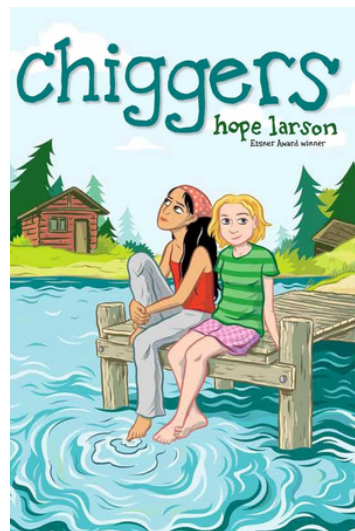
*Awkward*  
by Svetlana Chmakova



*Stepping Stones*  
by Lucy Knisley



*Real Friends*  
by Shannon Hale



*Chiggers*  
by Hope Larson



*Ready Player One*  
by Ernest Cline