

Rock Band

TEEN BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

Galaxy has always known she's destined for fame and fortune as a solo singer. She has the voice, the dance moves and is always coming up with new lyrics. So when she spots a poster for a talent show at school, she knows she has to enter.

Then troublemaker Sabrina suggests they enter together and Galaxy is shocked. Firstly, that they actually have something in common, and secondly that Sabrina suggests they form a rock band! Rock is totally not Galaxy's thing, she doesn't know Sabrina that well, and what would her best friend Kia think? She's about to say no when Sabrina points out that Beyoncé and Lauryn Hill both got their start being in a band and agrees that Galaxy can be lead singer. So she hesitantly decides to share the spotlight. But when the only students interested in joining their band are Grace, a socially awkward goody two shoes, and Galaxy's little sister Zaya, is Galaxy's chance at stardom over before it's even begun?



First in a funny new teen series, perfect for fans of *We Are Lady Parts*, *Grow Up*, *Lara Bloom* and *Holly Smale*.



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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.** Galaxy makes a lot of assumptions about Sabrina initially, referring to her as, “a class menace”. Have you ever made an assumption about someone or something that later changed? What led to your change in perspective?
- 2.** When discussing their favourite music artists, Sabrina mentions relating to the Nova Twins and Big Joanie as performers who don’t necessarily fit the typical mould of a rockstar: “I love how different they are to all the mainstream artists ... They really inspire me.” What does it mean to you, to see a character or artist that reflects your experience? What artists are you inspired by?
- 3.** Despite their differences, Galaxy and Sabrina eventually become best friends due to their shared interest in music. What shared interests do you have with your friends and family? Are there any major differences as well?
- 4.** Galaxy writes song lyrics as a way of expressing herself and clearing her mind. She also later writes a song with Zaya to cheer up their dad. Do you have a creative outlet that helps you feel better? Have you ever used that creativity to make someone else feel better?
- 5.** Galaxy, Sabrina, Grace and Zaya all have very different personalities and skills that they bring to the band. What are the benefits and challenges of working with people that have different experiences to you?
- 6.** In order to raise money to buy an electric guitar, Galaxy, Sabrina, Zaya and Grace decide to busk at their town centre, something that Grace is initially afraid to do. Can you think of a time you felt the need to step out of your comfort zone? What was the motivation to do it?
- 7.** Galaxy and Kia begin as best friends, but eventually drift apart as their interests change. How have your relationships with your friends evolved? Has your friendship group changed over time, and if so, why?
- 8.** Galaxy often uses interview quotes from her favourite artists for sources of inspiration. Do you have any quotes from actors, authors or artists that have inspired you?
- 9.** Galaxy doesn’t win the talent show competition but comes away more determined than ever for her and the band to be successful. Have you ever competed in something and lost? What did you learn from that loss, and how has it inspired you since?
- 10.** “We never fit the crowd, we’re misfits and we’re proud,” is one of the lyrics from ‘We Are Just the Misfits’. What is something unique about yourself that you are proud of?

