

# THIS SEAT'S SAVED SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Whether you decide to grab a few girls or read *This Seat's Saved* with your family, it's time to think about a summer book club! Choose a day of week, decide where to meet (a park, your house, in the woods, a coffee shop, anywhere!), and agree to read a few chapters of the book before each meeting. You can use the discussion questions at the end of the book to give you ideas of what to talk about during your book club.

## Should my group have a theme?

That's a great idea! Create a theme for your book club based on the book. What about a fox theme? You might give everyone a fox pencil or bake cupcakes decorated like foxes (just like Mrs. Wu makes in her bakery). What about a nature theme? You might give out a Field Notes notebook like Elita uses in Nature Club.

## How many times should my book club meet?

Based on the reading level of your group, you could finish *This Seat's Saved* in just a few weeks and then meet once or twice to discuss the entire book. Or you could meet 3-6 times during the summer for a great discussion of the book as you read a few chapters at a time.

## What do I actually do in a book club?

Some readers like to serve a snack or even have an activity related to the book. You could take a walk in nature together and talk, do some leaf-rubbings, or copy something you see the characters doing in the book like making your own signature sandwiches (put out lots of options to make a unique sandwich) to share. After this, sit and talk about what you most loved about the book, anything you're still wondering about, or something you learned. You can choose a question from the list at the back of the book for your group to talk about. End your book club time by having everyone answer a question based on a character in the book. You could have everyone share their signature sandwich, any scar they have (like the one on Elita's arm), or what would be on their list of "improvements" like Elita keeps. You can also serve a snack like popcorn and lemonade or gingersnaps to end your time together.

## What else can we do together as we talk about the book?

What about having a spaghetti night (Elita's favorite meal), ordering Chinese food (noodles that Allie loves), attempting crepes (like Margo), creating caramel-filled brownies (like Elita and her mom) or making smores together (either on the stove with your parents' help or around a campfire if you have one)? You can also invite the moms to share what middle school was like for them. Have the caregivers bring in photos from their 7th grade year and check out the styles from way back then. You could also invite all the girls to sketch out Elita's perfect dress for the winter dance. *Get creative and have fun!*

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## Anything else fun?

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If you take a picture of your book club with everyone holding their copy of *This Seat's Saved*, tag [@heatherholleman](#) and [@moodypublishers](#) for a chance to win a virtual visit with the author.