

Books by the Stack



Friends With Boys by Faith Erin Hicks

Maggie McKay hardly knows what to do with herself. After an idyllic childhood of homeschooling with her mother and rough-housing with her older brothers, it's time for Maggie to face the outside world, all on her own. But that means facing high school first. And it also means solving the mystery of the melancholy ghost who has silently followed Maggie throughout her entire life. Maybe it even means making a new friend—one who isn't one of her brothers.

Why you'll like it: Funny. Surprising. Coming-of-age.

About the Author: Faith Erin Hicks is a writer and artist living in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Faith started drawing comics and putting them on the Internet in 1999, and then moved to print books. In fact, Friends with Boys started its life as a webcomic.

Questions for Discussion

1. Maggie goes to public school for the first time at the beginning of the book. What do you think it would be like to go from homeschooling to public school?
2. How do you think your family dynamics would be different if you acquired four older brothers?
3. Why do you think the ghost follows Maggie around all the time?
4. What did you think about Lucy and Alistair the first time you saw them? Did your impression change after Maggie got to know them better?
5. Maggie's mom leaves before the book starts. Do you think Maggie's behavior changed after her mom left? How might she act differently if her mom was around?
6. What did you think of the quality of the art? Did it help in telling the story?

(Questions issued by publisher)

