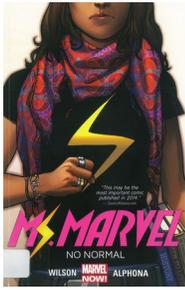


Books by the Stack



Ms. Marvel 1: No Normal by G. Willow Wilson

"Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City - until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the new Ms. Marvel? Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? Find out as she takes the Marvel Universe by storm! When Kamala discovers the dangers of her newfound powers, she unlocks a secret behind them, as well. Is Kamala ready to wield these immense new gifts? Or will the weight of the legacy before her be too much to bear? Kamala has no idea, either. But she's comin' for you, New York!" .

Why you'll like it: Graphic novel, relatable, Pakistani American Muslim heroine

About the Author: G. Willow Wilson began her writing career at the age of 17, when she freelanced as a music and DJ critic for Boston's Weekly Dig magazine. Since then, she's written the Eisner Award-nominated comic book series Air and Mystic: The Tenth Apprentice and the graphic novel Cairo. Her first novel, Alif the Unseen, was a New York Times Notable book. It was shortlisted for the 2012 Flaherty-Dunn Award.

Questions for Discussion

1. The title of book 1 in the Ms. Marvel series is No Normal. Why do you think the writer chose this title? Provide evidence from the book to support your answer.
2. What are Kamala's goals and dreams? How do her goals and dreams change over time?
3. Kamala has to balance being a Muslim Pakistani teen and a Jersey City teen. Are her struggles unique to culturally diverse teens? Or are her struggles like those of most American teens?
4. You've heard the advice "Be careful what you wish for..." Does this apply to Kamala? If so, how?
5. There are scenes in the book when Kamala disobeys her parents and sneaks out. Was this a wise decision? What are the pros and cons of her actions? Support your answer with details from the story.
6. Why is it difficult for a multitude of "different" people to fit in? What can your class, school, and community do to help those who are different from us feel welcomed?
7. How can cultural values mold who and what we are?
8. Why does Kamala claim she can't eat one of the hot sandwiches at the shop?
9. What does Zoe ask Nakia?
10. What are Kamala's interests?

