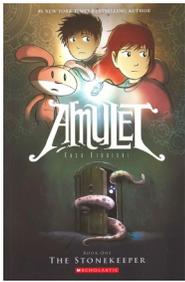


Books by the Stack



The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi

Graphic novel star Kazu Kibuishi creates a world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a giant robot—and two ordinary children on a life-or-death mission. They enlist the help of a small mechanical rabbit named Miskit. Together with Miskit, they face the most terrifying monster of all, and Em finally has the chance to save someone she loves.

Why you'll like it: graphic novel, action-packed, fantasy

About the Author: Kazu Kibuishi is the writer and artist of the New York Times Bestselling AMULET graphic novel series. He is also the editor/art director/cover artist of the EXPLORER and FLIGHT Comic Anthologies, and is the cover illustrator of the Harry Potter 15th Anniversary Edition paperbacks from Scholastic. His debut graphic novel, *Daisy Cutter: The Last Train*, won a YALSA Best Books for Young Adults Award. Born in Tokyo, Japan, Kazu moved to the U.S. with his mother and brother when he was a child. He graduated from Film Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2000, and moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. He currently works as a full-time graphic novelist. Kazu lives near Seattle, Washington with his wife and two children.

Questions for Discussion

1. Where do Emily and her parents seem to be driving? What do you think that Navin is doing, when his family gets into the automobile accident? Emily and her mother manage to get out of the car. Why can't Emily's father get out of the car? What happens to Emily's father?
2. Why do Emily, Navin, and their mother move to Great Grandpa Silas' old house in the country? Who discovers Great Grandpa Silas' library, his notebook and amulet? When do you first detect something unusual is happening? Do Emily and Navin sense this danger?
3. Why does their mother go down into the basement alone? What happens to her? When the purple transparent monster swallows Navin, Emily is able to pull him out. Why could Emily rescue Navin but not her mother?
4. What is Charnon House? Who is Miskit? Who is Cogsley? Who is Morrie?
5. What does Great Grandpa Silas tell Emily about the amulet? Describe the Albatross.
6. Miskit makes a mistake, when he is packing the Albatross for the rescue mission. Who helps Miskit drive? Why does it make sense for he or she to help drive? What mistake does Miskit make?
7. What is wrong with Emily and Navin's mother, at the end of the story? Why do Miskit, Cogsley, and Morrie "get this house back on its feet"?
8. The Stonekeeper (p. 72), the Voice tells Emily, "Being a Stonekeeper is a responsibility you mustn't take lightly." What might these responsibilities be? Why can't they be taken lightly?

9. What would you do if you have a magical amulet like Emily?

10. If you had to save your family, what would you do to protect them from harm?

11. Would you draw yourself as the lead character or create another version of yourself, like an animal or magically talking tree?

(Questions provided by publisher)



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