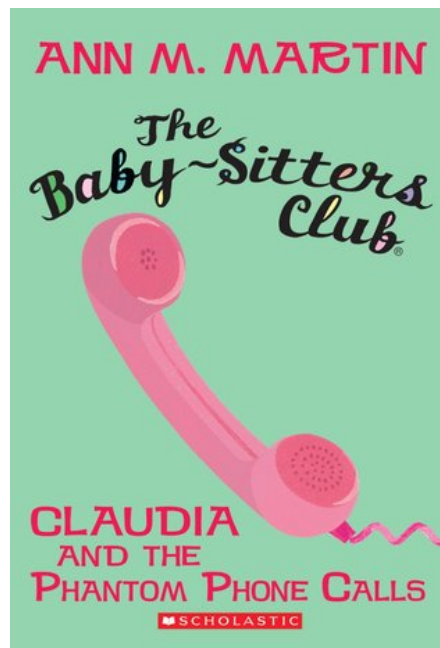




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The hit series returns to charm and inspire another generation of baby-sitters! The first three classic BSC books are back, along with a brand-new prequel, *The Summer Before*.

Being a good baby-sitter isn't always easy, and the vice-president of the Baby-Sitters Club, Claudia Kishi, is learning that the hard way. She and the other club members have started getting strange calls on the job. Is it the Phantom Caller, a jewel thief who's been breaking into houses in the area? One thing is certain -- the Club has to take action to protect their kids!

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Rhonda says

And here begins my feminist reading of The Baby-Sitters Club. I don't love the premise of this, that boys tease and are mean to girls they like. These are some strong women, but they give in too quickly to guys who are mean, just because they like them!

Cait S says

I know this is an older book and we've come a long way since it was written.

But.

Can. We. Stop. Telling. Girls. That. Boys. Are. Mean. Because. They. Like. Them.

This is a gross and abusive idea to continue to perpetuate. It needs to stop. I am raising two little boys. My 2nd grader had his first crush this year and you know what I told him?

To make sure to include her in all his games at school and to notice and say nice things about her. I told him the absolute worst thing he could do would be to pick on her, tease her, or in any way be physical towards her.

Common fucking sense people. I love, love, love this series...but I'm pretty damn disappointed in this particular book.

Ciara says

another classic of my childhood. i remember this one came out around halloween--veyer thematic, as the entire premise is that claudia has a crush on the school poet, tavor sandbourne, & hopes that he'll ask her to the halloween hop. in the meantime, a local robber called the phantom caller has been calling the homes of rich people & then breaking in & stealing jewelry when no one answers. the babysitters are concerned that someone may rob the houses where they are babysitting, or that parents will get word of the phantom caller & not allow them to babysit anymore for fear of their safety. this is probably the first example we have of the long tradition of the babysitters doing really dumb shit in an effort to avoid parents looking out for their welfare & safety. this only becomes more pronounced in the mystery series, when people occasionally try to kill the babysitters but they still don't bother to talk about it with their families. nothing ever goes so far as they did in the sweet valley series (where the twins are the victims of attempted murder & kidnappings every other day, but never seek counseling or show any effects whatsoever), but still!

anyway, claudia & kristy get phantom phone calls while they are babysitting & of course it ends up being trevor & alan gray calling & trying to muster up the courage to invite the girls to the halloween hop. because every middle school boy decides the best way to ask a girl out is to call her while she's babysitting. what? this makes no sense. but it wraps up the plot, so we'll go with it.

fun fact: the little girl on the cover is kirsten dunst. apparently she modeled for books as a small child.

Logan Hughes says

The baby-sitters choose to fear a jewel thief.

The babysitters are spooked by a news story about a jewel thief who calls homes and then hangs up without saying anything to make sure no one is there before he comes to rob them, especially after Claudia and Kristy receive “phantom phone calls” at their babysitting jobs. Various creepy sitting jobs follow, most of which are made more creepy by the girls’ expectations of disaster. Kristy is creeped out by the Brewers’ next-door neighbor, whom Karen is convinced is a witch. Stacey is freaked by weird noises from the Johanssen basement during a power failure (it’s just the dog). Mary Anne, with a plucky resourcefulness belied by her timidity, masterminds several homebrew burglar alarms at the Thomas house (which are, of course, all set off accidentally). Finally, while tag-team babysitting Jamie Newton and his cousins, Claudia and Kristy see prowlers and call the police, only to discover that their “phantom” stalkers all along were boys who were too shy to ask them out.

A jewel thief story sets an early precedent for mysteries and seems a slightly odd choice for a second book in a baby-sitting girls series. But it’s a logical enough choice to follow a September school-starting story with October and a Halloween story. Claudia, the vice president (the initial stories are told in rank order, it seems), is a Nancy Drew fiend, so she seems like the right sitter to get a mystery story. Finally, the general moral is about safety on the job, not a bad lesson for baby-sitters. I’m pleased that the story has a mundane conclusion and that they don’t really capture the jewel thief, the way they would if this were in the *Baby-sitters Club Mystery* spinoff series.

Highlights: The girls come up with a secret code to tell each other on the phone if they think they might be in danger on the job, but they don’t want to give away their concerns to the children (or to an intruder who might be listening in). Kristy makes the girls rehearse the code, which they never can get right.

Lingering Questions: It’s explained how the boys knew where the girls would be baby-sitting, but why call them there instead of at home? Are the girls just always baby-sitting continuously until it’s too late to politely call their homes?

What would Claudia wear? There are times when it’s revealed you’ve gone a whole scene not realizing that the character you are supposed to identify with is dressed like Rita from MR. F storyline on *Arrested Development*, and in this book, that is the point where she describes her purple short pants with suspenders, clock tights, lobster earrings, and “plaid shirt with a matching hat.” Is there any way this DOESN’T come off like insane, purple, clock/lobster leiderhosen?

Signs of the Times: Stacey’s VCR is broken, so the girls read the newspaper for fun. And Charlotte can’t watch MTV because she doesn’t get cable. I had the misfortune of rereading this in the 2010 reprint, where both of these references are updated, Stacey saying that the “player” is broken (so they still... um... read the paper. Not look at Google News?) and Charlotte explaining that she can’t watch MTV (it’s still MTV) because “Mommy and Daddy block channels they don’t want me to watch,” which explanation makes Charlotte look out-of-character babyish and the Johanssens look out-of-character restrictive. Cable still exists, you guys, and wouldn’t Stacey just want to watch U4Me on Youtube anyway?

Whitney says

Reviewed by Whitney@Shooting Stars Reviews

Claudia is a part of the baby-sitters club, and she is interesting in boys more than two of her other friends. She's excited about the Halloween Dance, and she wants her crush to ask her to go. However, when a Phantom phone caller starts hitting near by towns, the girls get a little scared and think of a plan to help if something happens to them. Claudia is trying to be better to her sister, she thinks two of her friends act like babies, and she wants her crush to ask her out, it is a world of crazy going on in the baby-sitters club.

I thought this one was another good book in this series, however, I find that I don't really like Claudia much. I feel like she is a bit "spoiled and snobby." I hate that she gets upset with her other friends because they act like "babies." I felt she was being really rude and judgmental because of that, especially since she claims to be this artist and free spirit type of person. Other than that, I thought the rest of the book was good, and I'm excited for more.

Odessa says

It was a really good book, and it had mystery and creepy things. It's really hard to put it down because you don't know what will be next. Warning: If you get scared of robbers easily, DON'T READ!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Alisse says

I thought this book was one of the best books yet. My favorite part was when ever Claudia and Kristy gats these phone calls that when ever they pick it up nobody is on the other end of the line. And it turns out that the people who called Claudia and Kristy turned out to be their lovers who wanted to dance.

Janet says

i think sley put it best: this book has staying power. Have you seen my blue hair ribbon?

Ainsley says

If you ever get a call from me asking about a blue ribbon, you'll know what to do. If you've read this book, that is.

Rhiannon says

"Well, I'm sorry. I'm sorry that I'm not up to trigonomulus, or whatever it is she does. We can't all be scholars." - Claudia, expressing frustration with both math *and* her sister, who is an Android being,

probably from the future, and possibly "related" to Data from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*

Was Claudia described as having **almond-shaped eyes**:
Thankfully, she did not describe her own eyes this way.

Was Mimi's accent described as **rolling**:
Yes! Like a "ship at sea."

How many times was the word **incredulously** used:
Zero!

WWCW:

-Purple pants that stopped just below the knee, held up by suspenders, white tights with clocks on them, a purple plaid shirt with a matching hat, high-top sneakers, lobster earrings

-*Extremely* anti-climactic outfit for the Halloween Hop: baggy jeans and a new bulky sweater. *Really*, Claudia? I am disappointed in you.

What About Stacey?

Stacey wore nothing that Claudia deemed cool enough to describe for us. Fail, Stacey, fail.

Quit letting 12-Year Olds Watch Your Goddamn Kids

"Boring!" said Stacey. "Let's put on MTV. At least we can listen to some good music."

Kristy: "Now hear this! No running, no yelling, no jumping - and I mean it. One false move, and I'll punch your lights out."

Mary Anne let out a sigh of relief. "It's just the wind, " she said. "I must not have closed the door all the way." [Ten minutes later, at the back door]: "The door wasn't latched properly! Some baby-sitter I am. Leaving doors open left and right for anybody to walk through."

The Phantom: "It was that baby-sitting book you started bring to school everyday. I checked it each morning. It had all kinds of information in it: times, names, addresses, phone numbers..." Kristy slapped the heel of her hand against her forehead. *Ah, yeah, Kristy... WTF!*

Hilarious!

"I decided I would try to paint a picture of embarrassment. The main color would be red."

Awwwwwwwwkward

"I don't know whether I was born early or late or on time," said Mary Anne softly. "Dad hardly ever talks about stuff like that. Its times like these I wish I had a mother."
...No one said anything.

Bitch!

"Janine?"

"Hmm?"

"Remember when we used to crawl under Mom and Dad's bed during thunderstorms - "

"But, we were really just hiding?"

"Yeah," I said fondly.

"Very interesting, psychologically," said Janine. "The fear process - "

"Janine?"

"What?"

"Shut up."

Kristy: "How did you know I was going to be baby-sitting at all those places?"

Police Officer: "And, why were you harassing this young lady?"

Phantom: "Which question should I answer first?"

Kristy: "Mine."

Police Officer: [raises eyebrow]

Srsly. Kill Yrselves!

"Us baby-sitters have to stick together! Through thick and thin."

"Through Phantoms and power failures."

"Through fires and floods."

We put our arms around eachother and headed into the school," *[where, hopefully, someone beat you up for being so f*cking cheesy.]*

That two-star rating? It has nothing to do w/ the fact that this was a Claudia book. I like Claudia. The plot was f*cking asinine.

Kellee says

Reread for #BSC #bookaday 6/13/2011

All of the girls in the baby-sitters club are readers! Within this book, there are shout-outs to Nancy Drew, Ramona Quimby and The Secret Garden! And in the first book it mentioned Peter Rabbit and Where the Wild Things are. Stuff like this makes me so happy.

I also liked how the book deals with a struggling student. Claudia has a high IQ, but struggles in school. Another way that Ann M. Martin makes sure that every reader will see a reflection of themselves in one of the characters.

There was also a quote that I LOVED in the book (as a teacher):

"If they're discussion questions, why aren't we discussing them? How come Mr. Miller is making us write them down?" What a great point?! And this was 1986- some teachers need to learn from Claudia and Ann M. Martin

?Jordan? says

Claudia and that gang are back at it! Babysitting is all fun and games (literally) until someone starts breaking into homes and stealing jewelry. Known as the "Phantom Caller" he calls twice and hangs up without a sound and after that happens you are next in line to be robbed. The girls start getting these strange calls and what unfolds next may not be exactly what they where expecting.

Sara says

I LOVED Tha Babysitter's Club series as a kid. Claudia was my favorite and I owned this book at one time. I truly hope they are still being read by young readers today!

Sass says

Sorry not sorry for enjoying the hell out of this dive into my favourite series circa 1996.

Mirabelle says

Every chapter ends with a cliffhanger! Just to let you know, this book is so amazing and it makes me wonder why Raina Telgemier didn't make a graphic novel out of this like she did with other BSC books
