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Vanya and the Wild Hunt

by Sangu Mandanna



Read Aloud Video and
Author Interview

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

Eleven-year-old Vanya Vallen has always felt like she doesn't fit in. She's British-Indian in a mostly white town in England, her parents won't talk about their pasts, and she has ADHD. Oh, and she talks to books. More importantly, the books talk back. When her family is attacked by a monster she believed only existed in fairytales, Vanya discovers that her parents have secrets, and that there are a lot more monsters out there. Overnight, she's whisked off to the enchanted library and school of Auramere, where she joins the ranks of archwitches and archivists. Life at Auramere is unexpected, exciting and wonderful. But even here, there's no escaping monsters. The mysterious, powerful Wild Hunt is on the prowl, and Vanya will need all her creativity and courage to unmask its leader and stop them before they destroy the only place she's ever truly belonged.

Who Wrote It?

The Sang in Sangu is pronounced sung, like the past tense of sing. And I pronounce Mandanna so that it rhymes with bandanna. Sangu Mandanna was 4 years old when an elephant chased her down a forest road and she decided to write her first story about it. The first time she decided she was going to be an author, she was about 9 years old. She wrote a story about a brave and intrepid heroine named Sangu who saves a group of kidnapped girls while on a seaside holiday. Years and many, many manuscripts later, she signed her first book deal. Sangu grew up with very few stories about brown girls, so those are the stories she now wants to write. She wants readers like her —and all readers—to read



and love stories about brown girls who have adventures, fall in love, explore the stars, fight the system, and so much more. Sangu now lives in Norwich, a city in the east of England, with her husband and kids.

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I want to read this book: YES / NO

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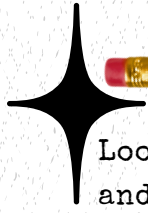
Use this graphic organizer with the First Chapter Friday videos on YouTube from the Word Nerd.



PREVIEW & PREDICT



Read Aloud Video



Look at the objects featured on the YouTube thumbnail and book cover and then make a few predictions.



I predict this story will be about...

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