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The Okay Witch

by Emma Steinkellner



Read Aloud Video

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?

Magic is harder than it looks. Thirteen-year-old Moth Hush loves all things witchy. But she's about to discover that witches aren't just the stuff of movies, books, and spooky stories. When some eighth-grade bullies try to ruin her Halloween, something really strange happens. It turns out that Founder's Bluff, Massachusetts, has a centuries-old history of witch drama. And, surprise: Moth's family is at the center of it all! When Moth's new powers show up, things get totally out-of-control. She meets a talking cat, falls into an enchanted diary, and unlocks a hidden witch world. Secrets surface from generations past as Moth unravels the complicated legacy at the heart of her town, her family, and herself. In this spellbinding graphic novel debut, Emma Steinkellner spins a story packed with humor and heart about the weird and wonderful adventures of a witch-in-progress.

- A School Library Journal Best Graphic Novel of 2019
- A YALSA 2020 Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers
- A YALSA 2020 Great Graphic Novel for Teens

Who Wrote It?

Emma Steinkellner is an illustrator, cartoonist, and writer based in Los Angeles, CA. She is a graduate of Stanford University's department of Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, where she created, wrote, and illustrated her thesis *It Gets Weird*. Working in print and webcomics, Emma has illustrated projects with her radiant sister, writer Kit Steinkellner, including the teen rom-com webcomic *Aces* and the Eisner-nominated superhero



coming-of-age story *Quince* (also with creator Sebastian Kaedlecik, published by Fanbase Press) and is the creator of the comic diary *Pow Slam Sparkle*.

AR Reading Level: 3.1

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