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Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a kinder, better world. And now, young people and their families everywhere can experience the friendships and fun of Girl Scouting through vibrant Girl Scout-inspired books and relatable characters you're sure to love.

This brand-new collection of books for readers ranging from toddlers to middle schoolers will spark imaginations, inspire young minds, and remind girls that they can do anything they set their minds to.

This PDF contains an activity and discussion guide to help readers dive deeper into these books which girls can use to talk about their thoughts, feelings, and ideas and share with their friends to get to know each other better.

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Ice Cream in a Bag

Ready for a cool kitchen adventure? Join Ava, Hazel, and Ellie and try this hands-on activity inspired by their story. With help from an adult, you can make your own ice cream right in a bag—then, get creative by adding toppings to make it your own!

You will need:

- 2 ziplock bags (1 gallon size and 1 quart size)
- 1 cup whole milk or half-and-half
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups ice
- 1/3 cup kosher salt or rock salt
- oven mitts or gloves

Some topping ideas:

Directions:

1. In the small, quart-sized, bag, combine the milk, sugar, and vanilla. Push out the extra air and seal.
2. Combine ice and salt in the big, gallon-sized, bag. Put the small bag inside the big bag and seal.
3. Put on your gloves (because the bag will get cold!). Shake the bag for about 7 to 10 minutes. That can feel like a long time. Ask for help if your arms get tired.
4. Scoop out the ice cream into a bowl and add toppings.

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Junk to Jewelry

Check out this sneak peek activity from *The Amazing Daisies*, where you and your friends can turn scrap paper and small discarded items into fun, colorful jewelry — just like Ava, Hazel, and Ellie, who show how creativity and teamwork make every day an adventure! All you need are things like paper, bottle caps or pull tabs, scissors, and glue or tape. You can also decorate your creations with crayons, markers, paint, or stickers!

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Nature Scavenger Hunt

Grab your besties and head outside to hunt for colors, just like Ava, Hazel, and Ellie in *The Amazing Daisies Hunt for Colors*. Check out the sneak peek activity to see what this fun filled book has in store! With an adult, go on a nature scavenger hunt! Look for colors or hunt for shapes or patterns.

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See, Talk, Dream

In *Take Action: You Can Make the World a Better Place*, you'll find quizzes, prompts, and activities that help you discover what you care about and how to get your community involved. Use this sneak peak activity to notice, reflect, and imagine ways—big or small—you can make a difference.

Look around you! Notice the people, places, and things in your community. What do you love about them? What would you change or improve? Use this table to write or draw your ideas. This is the first step toward discovering your passion and finding ways to make the world a better place.

What Do You Notice Around You?	Who Did I Talk to and/or What Research Did I Do?	What Did I Learn?	Maybe I Could...
Example. There is a new group of students in my community, and I've heard some kids saying mean things about their culture.	I talked with a teacher at my school to see if she could help.	She told me a lot of people here have never talked to people from other places in the world and don't understand cultural differences.	Start a school club where we celebrate all backgrounds through learning about cultrual diversity.

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Make New Friends, Keep the Old

Every friend is special in their own way! Complete this activity to keep the fun of friendships going after reading *Make New Friends, Keep the Old*. See what you and your friends have in common—and what makes each of you unique.

Use the top of the page to draw some of your favorite things. Ask a friend or your grown-up to draw what makes them happy at the bottom. Did you draw some of the same things? What was different? Learning what makes our friends happy helps us be better friends—and have even more fun together!

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About the Book

Anika loves animals.

She loves bird-watching in her backyard, volunteering at the animal shelter with her Girl Scout troop, and caring for her elderly neighbor's parrot. Anika wants a pet, but her parents have a long list of reasons to say no, including that they aren't sure Anika is up for the responsibility.

When Anika discovers a stray dog in her neighbor's backyard, she decides to take charge all on her own. Between friend fights at school and her mom working harder than ever, Anika could use the distraction. This is something she wants to handle herself. But then the pup doesn't show up for a few days and Anika is worried something is wrong. With time running out, it's up to Anika to build a web of support strong enough to bring the dog to safety.

About the Author

Sayantani DasGupta is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the critically acclaimed Bengali folktale and string theory–inspired *Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond* books, the first of which—*The Serpent's Secret*—was a Bank Street Best Book of the Year, a Booklist Best Middle Grade Novel of the 21st Century, and an EB White Read Aloud Honor Book. A pediatrician by training, she now teaches narrative medicine at Columbia University. When she's not writing, reading, or teaching, she spends time watching cooking shows with her trilingual children and protecting her rescue dog, Khushi, from the many things that scare him, including plastic bags.

Photo by Stephanie Berger

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Discussion Guide

After you and your friends have read *Anika and the Great Dog Rescue*, go over these questions and talk about how you each might answer them. These questions are about your thoughts, feelings, and ideas, so there's no right or wrong answers, just honest ones you can share with your friends to get to know each other better!

1. Anika really wants a pet, but her parents didn't allow it for a long time because it's such a big responsibility. Are there any responsibilities your parents say you're not ready for? What could you do to prepare yourself to grow and show you are responsible enough for a new challenge?

2. Harper has been Anika's best friend for a long time, but recently Harper's been hanging out with a different crowd and not being so nice to Anika. The friends fight, but by the end, it seems like they are spending time together again. Do you think their friendship can go back to normal? Why or why not? What do you think could improve the chances of them being super close friends again? What would make a difference to you if you were in Anika's shoes?

3. Volunteering at Paws and Whiskers is so fun for Anika's Girl Scout troop because they get to combine their love of animals with helping their community. What are some of your interests or favorite things and how could you use them to better your community?

4. Do you think Anika did the right thing by not telling her family right away about the stray dog? Why or why not? What would you have done?

5. Mrs. Davis might seem a bit scary at the start of the book, but by the end it turns out she's very different from what Anika first thought. How would you describe Mrs. Davis' personality? Have you ever made incorrect assumptions about someone, but then been surprised? Think about that experience. Has it made you more open minded about people in general? Why or why not?

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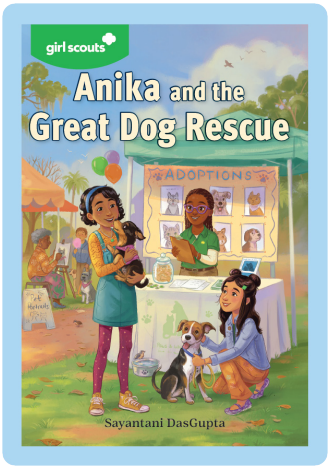

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Friendship Flash Forward

Friends, fun, fortune telling--it's all part of *the Ultimate Friendship Journal*, a new interactive journal that helps you be the best friend you can be. Grab your besties and check out this sneak peek.

IT'S FUN TO THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE—especially when you're imagining you and your friends in it.

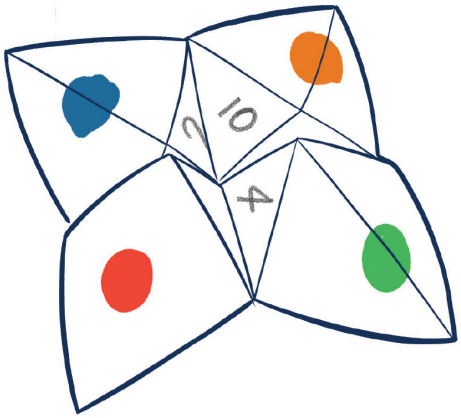
Use a square piece of paper to make a fortune teller and write some futuristic fortunes inside—some silly, some serious, all with a friendship theme.

Then play with your friends to predict their (and your) futures.

Use this space to brainstorm fortunes:

Here are some examples:

- THE NEXT PERSON YOU SEE WEARING YOUR FAVORITE COLOR IS DESTINED TO BE YOUR BFF.
- THE NEXT TIME YOU NEED HELP, ASK A FRIEND. TOGETHER, YOU CAN GO FAR.
- KEEP YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE. YOUR CONNECTIONS WILL HELP YOU ALL SHINE BRIGHTEST.
- THERE WILL BE AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE IN YOUR HAND SOON. SHARE IT WITH A BUDDY TO EAT IT BEFORE IT MELTS!



HOW TO MAKE A FORTUNE TELLER

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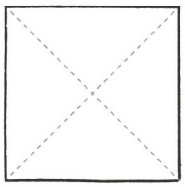

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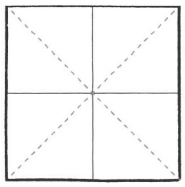

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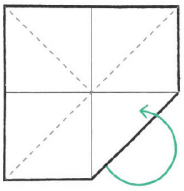

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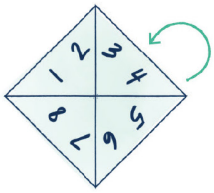

Flip the smaller square over and fold the corners into the center, forming an even smaller square. Write numbers on each triangle.

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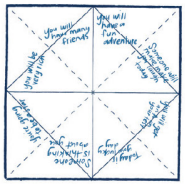

Open the flaps and write fortunes underneath each.

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Close the flaps and flip the square over. Write a color on each square.

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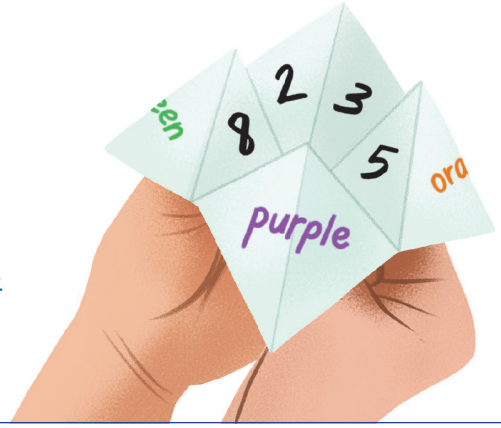
Fold in half.

8

Slide your fingers underneath the squares to work the fortune teller.



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About the Book

Maven wants to be known for something great.

She had been nervous about starting fifth grade after spending all summer with her little brother and baby cousins. So when her fifth-grade teacher announces a district-wide robotics competition, she jumps at the opportunity to be the class's leader. Being in charge is better and cooler than playing make-believe, right? Many people doubt her, especially the boys in her class, but with the support of her friends and Girl Scout troop, Maven is determined to prove them wrong.

Then she goes overboard with her dedication to the competition, and she seems to be disappointing everyone—including herself. She begins to realize maybe being herself is what she needed to do all along.

About the Author

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Discussion Guide

After you and your friends have read *Maven Takes the Lead*, go over these questions and talk about how you each might answer them. These questions are about your thoughts, feelings, and ideas, so there's no right or wrong answers, just honest ones you can share with your friends to get to know each other better!

1. Maven has a great imagination but worries her friends will think the stories she makes up are babyish. Have you ever worried what others would think about an activity that makes you happy? If yes, what did you do? Did you decide to keep doing that activity without caring what others thought, did you do it and not tell others about it, or did you stop doing it altogether? How did that make you feel?

2. Instead of asking for help at home with her robotics project, at first Maven tries to handle it all on her own. Do you think she could have or should have asked her family or friends for help earlier? Why or why not? Has there ever been a time when it was hard for you to ask for help? Why do you think that was?

3. When Maven and her troop go to the aquarium, she and her bestie, Gemma, are separated. How does she feel when she sees Gemma and Sylvie having so much fun without her? Have you ever been in a situation where a friend of yours was becoming close to a new friend? How did it make you feel? Is there a better way Maven could have handled the situation? What would you have done?

4. Dominic says some mean things to Maven and doesn't want her to be the lead on the robotics project, but Maven refuses to back down. Why doesn't she just give up and let the boys take over? Has anyone ever made you doubt your own abilities or wonder if you were good enough to take on a task or be a part of a certain activity? If yes, how did you handle it? Was there a different way things could have gone? Would it have been better or worse?

5. It can be so fun when you and your friends are involved in the same activities. Gemma and Sylvie both love playing soccer, but Maven isn't really interested in playing sports. Do you think that makes their friendship harder in some ways? Do you think it's possible that having different interests and being involved in separate activities from your friends can actually help your friendships? Why or why not?

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