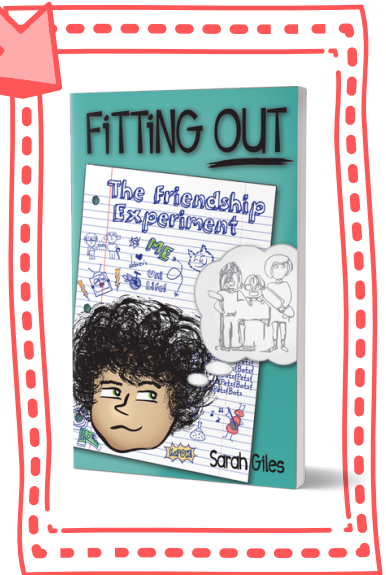


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CHAPTER 1: Many stories follow the main character as they face a problem. A good problem includes a **challenge**, a **time limit**, and **reasons why it will be tricky** for the main character.

- * What is the challenge Max is facing?
- * What is the time limit?
- * Why is this problem especially tricky for Max?



CHAPTER 2: Max shows his official bio (biography) telling us details about himself, his life, and his interests. What are three details that you would include in **your** official bio?

CHAPTER 3: Max decides to solve his problem using the scientific method. To begin, he:

- 1) identified a problem: *Need friends FAST!*
- 2) asked a question: *How do I find some?*
- 3) took a guess about the answer to the question: *Maybe I should change myself to be like the others.*

Can you think of a problem you could solve this way?

- 1) Problem to solve:
- 2) Question about the problem:
- 3) Hypothesis (guess) about the answer:

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CHAPTER 4: Do you think it is a good idea to pretend to be a different person so that other kids might like you? Why or why not?

CHAPTER 5: Chapter 5 has no text, just a comic. Write 1-2 sentences that describe what is really happening in this chapter.

CHAPTER 6: If everyone was just like you, and you could hang out with a few of YOU's for a day, what would you do for fun?

CHAPTER 7: Chapter 7 is titled, "Eureka!" Based on what happens in the chapter, what do you think it means when someone shouts, "Eureka!"

CHAPTER 8: What do you think Max means when he says "Fake it till you make it"?

CHAPTER 9: Imagine that you are the new kid at school. You are about to walk into your new classroom for the very first time and meet 25 kids that you have never seen before. Describe how you would be feeling just before the door opens.

CHAPTER 10: What does Max's mom mean when she tells him to "find YOUR bees"?

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CHAPTER 11: Carlos and Max had a good time at the park, even though they aren't interested in all of the same things. If having the same interests is **not** necessary to be a good friend, what are some things that **do** make a good friend?

CHAPTER 12: What does "Fitting Out" mean to you?

BONUS: Book Talkin'

Prepare a 'Book Talk' about The Friendship Experiment. Present it to someone at home or record a video.

A book talk is like a commercial for the book. A good Book Talk has the following parts:

- *Tell the **author and title** of the book
- ***Hook** your audience with an interesting question or quote from the book
- ***QUICK summary-** Introduce the main character, tell what problem he will face, hint about what he might do, but NO SPOILERS!
- ***Your opinion** of the book. Would you recommend it?