

*Click* by Kayla Miller

Olive and her classmates are super excited when the fifth-grade variety show is announced! It seems as if everyone has an idea of what they want to perform, and they start to group up and make plans. That is, everyone except for Olive. When no one asks her to join in with their group, she is understandably pretty upset. Feeling left out is never fun. Olive's mom offers to call around to other parents to see if there's a group she can join, but Olive finds this too embarrassing for words. In comes Aunt Molly to the rescue. She helps Olive realize that she doesn't necessarily need to join a group, she can do her own thing!

This graphic novel shares such a great message about figuring out what your strengths are and doing things that make you happy. It's also a change of pace seeing Olive's friendships, since she has different friend groups that she hangs out with at lunch, at recess, on the bus, etc. Not everyone has one BFF immediately from childhood, some of us find ours later in life (like in college!), and that's actually a totally normal thing. The cast of characters is also nicely diverse, and they have a variety of different interests, from cheerleading to orchestra to magic. *Click* is the first book in a series of graphic novels by Kayla Miller, and I'm looking forward to following Olive's adventures as she goes to camp and runs for student council and more. Olive is sweet and funny, and she's a great role model for kids her age. Miller's art is wonderful, very reminiscent of Raina Telgemeier, but with her own distinct style. The writing is great, very true to life for what I remember of early middle school. It's a great read for anyone looking for a feel-good graphic novel right now!

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