

***Karen's Witch (Baby-Sitters Little Sister)* by Katy Farina, based on the novel by Ann M. Martin**

This is a graphic novel adaptation of the first book in the *Baby-Sitters Club* spin-off series featuring Kristy's step-sister Karen. I was a voracious reader as a kid, I read all of the original *Baby-Sitters Club* books up until the point that I felt that I was too old for them. I loved the super specials and the mysteries, as well as the short-lived TV series and movie, but I'm fairly certain that *Karen's Witch* was the only of the *Little Sister* series that I read. Reading it again as a graphic novel as an adult is a delight. The art fits the style of the *BSC* graphic novels and the story is the same as I remembered.

Karen and her brother spend every other weekend at their dad's house. She likes to spy on the neighbors, even though that is against the rules. And Karen is absolutely convinced that one of her dad's neighbors is a witch. Her name isn't really Mrs. Porter, she's Morbidda Destiny. Her familiar is her black cat, Midnight. And they ride around on her broomstick during the night. Like most little kids, Karen has a VERY active imagination. And that imagination gets her in trouble!

This is a wonderful adaptation. One of my favorite parts in the graphic novel is when Kristy absolutely blows Karen's mind about the existence of warlocks – BOY WITCHES! That and the exchange between Karen and her best friend about Karen's plans are illustrated perfectly. I have been enjoying the *BSC* graphic novels, and I'm definitely going to read more of the *Little Sister* graphic novels as well for some great 90's nostalgia!

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