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1. Kristy's Great Idea
2. Claudia and the Phantom Phone Calls
3. The Truth About Stacey

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Jasmine says

I thought this book was pretty good, though I thought the plot could have gone a bit deeper. A student could read this book probably around fourth or fifth grade and I think that this book did not have a great climax or excitement. The book in all honesty was a bit dry and boring.

Kate says

I read The Babysitters Club books for the first time many years ago but recently I have been listening to The Babysitters Club Club podcast so I decided to re-read these books along with the podcast episodes. These books may not be the best written books out there but they do have their own appeal in the messages they offer and the friendships and relationships they are written about. This is a good to great chapter book series that for the most part stands up to the test of time.

Megan Compton says

The Baby-Sitters Club (also known as BSC) is a series of novels written by Ann M. Martin and published in the 1980s to the 2000s. BSC has sold over 170 million copies! Interestingly, Ann M. Martin wrote the first 35 novels, and the rest were ghost written. It is also one of the best-selling book series in history! I had never read any of the Babysitters Club Collection until now, and I wish I would have as a younger middle school student going through similar life experiences. This series is set in Stoneybrook, Connecticut-- a fictional town where the main characters live. They run a business called "The Baby-Sitters Club" that helps parents find babysitters. The club starts out with just four members: Kristy Thomas, Mary Anne Spier, Claudia Kishi, and Stacey McGill, who are thirteen in the first book. The first title, Kristy's Great Idea, is about Kristy's brilliant business plan to form the club. It gets off to a start with the help of Claudia, the vice-president, Mary Anne, the secretary, and Stacey, the treasurer. Friendships are made, adventures are begun, and lessons are learned in the first book of this series! I think I may read more!

Kim says

I read almost every one of these when I was in elementary school. This was the series that got me interested in reading for fun. Loved these books.

Maddy Gum says

This series was one I enjoyed as I myself began babysitting around 3-4th grade. I always thought it would be fun to do it with my friends but of course just stayed babysitting myself. It was a good read but I'm not sure

it's something I would recommend for all ages. It's more for upper elementary school age children.

Erica Hiser says

The babysitters club! What can I say these books were my life when I was a kid. I even became a member of the club getting a membership card and everything! For sure one of the biggest reason I love reading today.

Manahil Fatani says

THE BABYSITTERS CLUB !

how much i loved these books when i was young ... starting reading them at the age of 8 , i think ... i think these novels are surely one of the reasons , of me being utterly compelled by books today even . I surely had the best childhood with the BCS , the joy of going to bed was mainly because i could read in the nightlight huddled between pillows after mom switched off the lights. i have got hundreds lof paperbacks of these series but they were never enough ! sadly, after sometime they were replaced by harrypotter books , michal morphigo,percyjackson series and other Y-Adult books...

no matter what I SWEAR KRISTY I LOVED YOU AND I LOVE YOU FOREVER ! :)

Tyler says

By far my favorite book series. I normally read much more challenging books, but these are almost addictive! The series swaps between the main characters: Kristy Thomas, Mary Anne Spier, Claudia Kishi, Stacey McGill, and Dawn Shafer and their adventures in baby-sitting. I find these books really well written and extremely entertaining. I think the books are really relatable. The books are a little dated, but they're timeless. Not only do they face wacky antics with the children(and parents!) they deal with, but they can also face more serious things; like death or family issues. I highly recommend you read this series (or just this collection).

Jessica Vopat says

I started reading these books when I was about 7 or 8 years old and I enjoyed the spirit of the books of friends working together to form a business. I also grew up in the military so the idea that these friends grew up and lived in the same place was novel to me

Julia Mulder says

I loved all of these books :)

Meg Moscato says

I think I read these into the 100s when I was young. Really got me into reading for enjoyment :)

Jennifer P says

I barely remember anything about this series, but I know I had about 80 books, and I read them all more than once between 2nd and 6th grade. I finally donated the entire collection to the library when I left for college, but I remember loving them dearly.

Dallas Henderson says

This is a wonderful book for any young girl who has entrepreneur skills and dreams. A group of friends begin a babysitting club in their neighborhood. Parents have the ability to call one phone number and set up a babysitter for any night of the week. Genius! Definitely makes me want to start my own babysitting club!

Allyson Stallman says

I started reading these books in late-first grade (I have always read above my age/grade.) Heck, I was reading my parents Stephen King books by 4th Grade - the first being Pet Semetary (and it not really phase me with the exception of the bike rider hit by a car (I think because of the blood and gore and I just had a friend badly injured in a bike vs car accident) and the cat (c'mon, cat!) - Gabe not as much because I don't think a child passing away registered in my brain as being possible. It was the only thing my brain was capable of saying "nahnahnahnah - I can't see you, you don't exist. As I got older, it bothered me more and after the loss of my son, I actually threw the book across the room when I got to his death.

But I digress. I thought I'd do something different this summer and read a beloved childhood series as a "summer project." As much as I was fascinated as a young 1st grader at the prospect of starting my own BSC (like fascinated so much to the point that I roped my local friends into holding fake club meetings based on the story (sorry, if you're reading this now! I had/have a very creative imagination and had an immediate NEED to relive the books as much as possible. My intention wasn't to hold you hostage, make you read these books with me and enact the meetings!!) and counting the years until I was -finally- old enough to babysit. (Real quick - who is your favorite? Young Allyson would have to be a cross between Stacy and Claudia's sense of fashion and art. This Allyson would probably say Stacy.) However, reading it as an adult just wasn't the same. At. All. Not even close. I question young Allyson's choices as a reader. Sure, they're great for a 1st and 2nd grader (although check my reasoning skills as I quickly advanced to books most kids didn't touch for yeeeaars after I did). So, we'll chalk this up as a failed attempt of a summer project and bad trip down memory lane. *sigh* I can still appreciate them for what they were and meant to me, along with many other fans of the BSC. I just don't think I can force myself through more.

Niamh says

The Babysitters Club!! The books that installed a love of reading in me. I had all the books, I used to read a full book every night and I read each one over and over. I used to get lost in the books that were full of girls a little older than I was at the time that I wanted to be just like.

The Babysitters Club is about a girl and her friends that set up a business that parents can use to find a babysitter. The books are based around this business - with each book delving into the life of one of the sitters in particular. Each book has a little recap of the girls, the business and how it was formed so that no matter what book you pick up you aren't lost (this can get a little bit repetitive if you are an avid follower - I remember skipping over these pages, always!)

This series fits under the "Stories with Familiar Settings" heading and is excellent for independent reading. Series of books are great to install a love of reading as they carry on the stories and there's always the "What happens next" which encourages further reading!! I would recommend them to ages 9-13
