

SIXTH-GRADE GLOMMERS, NORKS, AND ME

Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Nominee 2008 Grades 6-8

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Sixth-Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me by Lisa Papademetriou. Hyperion, 2005. 217 pages.

Summary

Many readers will identify with the problems that Allie faces as she begins sixth grade at a middle school. She and her best friend begin to go in different directions, so Allie must learn to sort things out for herself. She does this, in part, by making up names for all the different people and situations that she encounters in middle school. Allie is a likeable character and her playfulness with language adds refreshing humor to a story that explores the difficulties that adolescent girls face. *Booklist* says, "funny and poignant by turns, this will attract readers ready to leave elementary school behind."

Read an excerpt: http://www.hyperionbooksforchildren.com/sixthglommers_chap1.html

Awards

2006 Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year
Family Fun Magazine Best Book of 2005

Author's Biography

Lisa Papademetriou was born in Houston, Texas. She currently lives in Northampton, Massachusetts. While she was a student at Vassar College, she worked in children's publishing at *Horn Book Magazine*. After she graduated from college, she taught high school English in a bilingual school in Guatemala City. She has written over thirty books for children and has worked for a number of major publishers of children's books.

<http://www.lisapapa.com/>

Other Titles by Lisa Papademetriou

The Wizard, the Witch, and Two Girls from Jersey
Rani in the Mermaid Lagoon
M or F?

Related Titles

Click Here: How I Survived Seventh Grade by Denise Vega. (also on LYRC 2008 ballot)
Eleven by Lauren Myracle.
The Fashion Disaster that Changed My Life by Lauren Myracle.
Loser by Jerry Spinelli.
Rhymes with Witches by Lauren Myracle.
Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You by Barthe DeClements.
ttyl (Talk to You Later) by Lauren Myracle.
ttfn (Ta-Ta For Now) by Lauren Myracle.
The Queen Geek Social Club by Laura Preble.
The Wish by Gail Carson Levine.

Classroom Connections

Reading Guide for *Sixth-Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me*

The reading guide on the author's site includes discussion questions intended to provoke thought and insight into the themes in the book.

<http://www.lisapapa.com/Sixth%20Grade%20Glommers%20-%20Classroom%20Discussion%20Guide.pdf>

Discovery Journey for *Sixth-Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me*

<http://www.discoveryjourney.com/PublicSummary560.asp>

This site contains activities to accompany the book.

Other Activities

- Give students some definitions of words and have students create weird words to match the definitions; or have them make up their own words and definitions.
- Discuss friendship and brainstorm ways to be a good friend.
- Write a poem about friendship and place in a poetry notebook.
- Compare/Contrast *Sixth-Grade Glommers, Norks and Me* and *Click Here: To Find Out How I Survived Seventh Grade* by Denise Vega. A reading guide for *Click Here* is on the site: <http://www.denisevega.com/ClickHereDiscQs.pdf>
- Compare/Contrast *Sixth-Grade Glommers, Norks and Me* and *Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You* by Barthe DeClements. A reading guide for *Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You* by Barthe DeClements is on this site: http://www.edhelper.com/books/Sixth_Grade_Can_Really_Kill_Youbut_only_if_you_le.htm