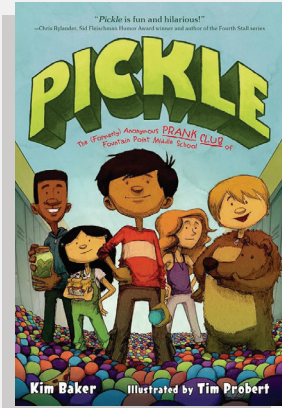


# Book Club for Kids



## ***Pickle: The (Formerly) Anonymous Prank Club of Fountain Point Middle School***

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**Recommended Ages:**  
8-12



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**Summary:** Using a bogus name, the League of Picklemakers, sixth grader Ben and three recruits start a prank-pulling club and receive funding from their middle school's PTA.

**Discussion Questions: Spoiler alert!** Some of the questions contain key elements of the plot. Do not read if you don't want to know what happens!

1. What do you think of the pranks? Are they well planned? What is the school's reaction? Which is your favorite prank?
2. How is each club member a good fit for the club? What does each member contribute?
3. What are some of the ways the club disguised themselves?
4. How do you feel about Hector being left out of the Pickle Club?
5. Was the principal fair? Why or why not?
6. Did Ben do the right thing by admitting to the pranks? Why did he choose to confess?

### **Activities:**

- Each member of the Pickle Club has unique qualities. Have readers think about what makes themselves unique. Draw a picture demonstrating their special skills. Write how they would be a valuable member to any club and what they would do to prove themselves.
- Create a new club. Make a club, tell what the club actually does, how they hide their identity, and who their members are. Draw a picture of the club members, location, or an activity they planned.

*Adapted from Milwaukee Public Library.*