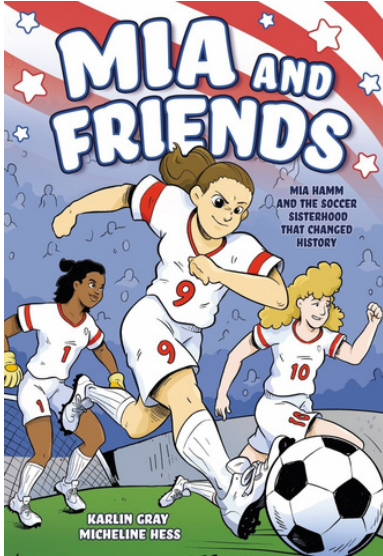


MIA AND FRIENDS

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SUMMARY

Based on the true story of soccer legend Mia Hamm, Mia and Friends follows a group of young women who made history at the 1999 Women's World Cup.

WHY WE CHOSE THIS BOOK

High interest graphic novel centers friendship, teamwork and equality, along with the joy of playing sports.

VOCABULARY

Define these words together:

Pirouette: A rapid spin on one foot in ballet

Orthopedic: A branch of medicine focused on bones and muscles

Scrimmage: An unofficial, practice game

World Cup: International soccer championship occurring every four years

Camaraderie: Mutual trust and friendship

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE READING

1. Look at the cover. What do you think the book is about?
2. Have you already heard of nonfiction graphic novels?
3. Who is your favorite soccer player?

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING

1. Have you ever had a hard time losing?
2. Have you ever been part of a team?
3. What does "equal pay for equal play" mean to you?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AFTER READING

1. How do the girls on the team support one another through hard times?
2. How did the team's push for fair treatment impact athletes today?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Draw your own comic doing something you love.
- Check out another nonfiction graphic novel from the library.
- Try a different sports genre book.
- Interview a teammate and write their biography in one paragraph.

