



BOOK POP!

GEEK E. GIRL GUIDE

Unite geek girls across all fandoms ages 14 and up with these activities and reading suggestions! Make your space nerd-tastic by repurposing comic book pages into bunting (check out our “Paperbacks to Paper Chains” link on the assets page), hitting up the kids’ aisle at your local party store for superhero plates, and serving fun themed snacks like gummie Han Solos, chocolate TARDIS-shaped chocolates, or *Lord of the Rings*-inspired lembas bread. These ideas are customizable and can be scaled to fit any size group or budget. Play around and make them your own!

ACTIVITY IDEAS BASED ON POPULAR QUIRK TITLES

The Fangirl's Guide to the Galaxy by Sam Maggs

Fanfic, cosplay, cons, books, memes, podcasts, vlogs, OTPs and RPGs and MMOs and more—it's never been a better time to be a girl geek. *The Fangirl's Guide to the Galaxy* is the ultimate handbook for ladies living the nerdy life, a fun and feminist take on the often male-dominated world of geekdom.

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Ages: 12 & Up • **Difficulty:** Easy

Estimated Cost: \$10–\$20 (more if providing T-shirts)

Know a special someone who's the Korra to your Asami? The Dean to your Castiel? What better way to declare it to the world than with matching tees! Get out your fabric markers and puffy paint and make a pair of matching shirts to let the world know that your One True Pairing is totally canon.

Flash Fanfiction

Ages: 14 & Up • **Difficulty:** Easy

Estimated Cost: Free!

Can you create a fanfic masterpiece—fast? Draw a pair of pop culture names from a bowl and set a timer for ten minutes. For a list of printable character cards, [click here](#).

The Spectacular Sisterhood of Superwomen by Hope Nicholson

Think comic books can't feature strong female protagonists? Think again! In *The Spectacular Sisterhood of Superwomen* you'll meet the most fascinating exemplars of the powerful, compelling, entertaining, and heroic female characters who've populated comic books from the very beginning of the medium.

Wonder-Zine Powers, Activate!

Ages: 16 & Up • **Difficulty:** Moderate

Estimated Cost: \$10–\$20

Share your love of IRL and fictional heroes by creating a zine (short for "magazine"). Fold paper into a booklet and fill the pages with hand-drawn or cut-out images, poems, and stories to share with your friends. Feeling creative? Try making your own comics featuring awesome female heroes!

Geekerella by Ashley Poston

Part romance, part love letter to nerd culture, and all totally adorbs, *Geekerella* is a fairy tale for anyone who believes in the magic of fandom.

Paper Cosplay

Ages: 14 & Up • **Difficulty:** Moderate

Estimated Cost: Less than \$10 (more if you want to buy fancy paper)

You and your friends can throw your very own cosplay ball—with a twist! Grab some colorful paper and set a timer for fifteen minutes. Can you make enough paper accessories to be cosplay ready?

OTHER BOOKS TO INCLUDE IN AND INSPIRE YOUR GEEK E. GIRL BOOK POP CELEBRATION

***Wonder Women* by Sam Maggs**

(ISBN 978-1-59474-925-4, \$16.99)

Women have always been able to change the world, even when they didn't get the credit. Author Sam Maggs introduces you to pioneering female scientists, engineers, mathematicians, adventurers, and inventors—each profile a study in passion, smarts, and stickto-itiveness.

***Crafting with Feminism* by Bonnie Burton**

(ISBN 978-1-59474-927-8, \$14.99)

This is what a feminist crafter looks like! Wear your ideology on your sleeve by creating feminist merit badges (like "started an all-girl band" or "rocked roller derby"). Prove that the political is personal with DIY power panties ("No means no"). Craft great feminist hero finger puppets (Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Frida Kahlo) or googly-eyed tampon buddies. Fun sidebars provide background on the feminist movement and tips for hosting a crafternoon get-together.

***Princesses Behaving Badly* by Linda Rodriguez McRobbie**

(ISBN 978-1-59474-644-4, \$19.95)

You think you know her story. You've read the Brothers Grimm, you've watched the Disney cartoons, and you cheered as these virtuous women lived happily ever after. But real princesses didn't always get happy endings. Sure, plenty were graceful and benevolent leaders, but just as many were ruthless in their quest for power—and all of them had skeletons rattling in their royal closets.

***My Best Friend's Exorcism* by Grady Hendrix**

(ISBN 978-1-59474-862-2, hardcover \$19.99; paperback coming July 11, 2017, \$14.99)

Abby and Gretchen have been best friends since fourth grade. Through the years, they have bonded over E. T., roller-skating, and a shared love for pop music. But when they arrive at high school, things change. Gretchen begins to act . . . different. As the strange coincidences and bizarre behavior start to pile up, Abby realizes there's only one possible explanation: Gretchen, her favorite person in the world, has a demon living inside her. And Abby is not about to let anyone or anything come between her and her best friend. With help from some unlikely allies, Abby embarks on a quest to save Gretchen. But is their friendship powerful enough to beat the devil?

***Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* by Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith**

(ISBN 978-1-59474-334-4, \$14.95)

Complete with romance, heartbreak, swordfights, cannibalism, and thousands of rotting corpses, *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* is an audacious retelling of English literature's most enduring novel. This expanded edition of the beloved Jane Austen novel, featuring all-new scenes of bone-crunching zombie mayhem, begins when a mysterious plague falls upon the quiet English village of Meryton—and the dead are returning to life. Feisty heroine Elizabeth Bennet is determined to wipe out the zombie menace, but she's soon distracted by the arrival of the haughty and arrogant Mr. Darcy. What ensues is a delightful comedy of manners with plenty of civilized sparring between the two young lovers—and even more violent sparring on the blood-soaked battlefield. It's the perfect read for literature lovers, zombie fans, and anyone who loves a reanimated Austen.

***The Jane Austen Handbook* by Margaret C. Sullivan**

(ISBN 978-1-59474-505-8, \$16.95)

Full of practical directions for navigating the travails of Regency life, this charming illustrated book also serves as a companion for present-day readers, explaining the English class system, currency, dress, and the nuances of graceful living.

WAYS TO MAKE YOUR BOOK POP EVENT UNIQUE

- Invite local artists to sell and sketch as part of your very own “Artist’s Alley.”
- Arrange for a Skype session with an author.
- Have participants wear name tags identifying their favorite fandom!

Share your event with us! Tag us @quirkbooks or use the #BookPop hashtag!

GEEK E. GIRL ASSETS AND LINKS

Additional ideas from the Quirk Books blog:

Activities

- [Paperbacks to Paper Chains](#)
Decorate your space! For a geeky twist, try using comic book pages.
- [A Cozy Cowl for the Well-Read](#)
Design and personalize your own snuggly scarf.
- [Save the Day in a DIY Cape](#)
Every superheroine needs a cape—emblazon yours with your own super symbol using fabric paint or felt.

Snacks

- [Lembas Bread & Dips](#)
- [Gummie Han Solos in Carbonite](#)
- [Chocolate TARDIS](#)

Be sure to check our [blog](#) and [Pinterest](#) page often for new geeky DIY ideas!

PRINTABLE ACTIVITY SUPPLIES

[Character Name Cards for Flash Fanfiction](#)

DEAN WINCHESTER

Supernatural

EMMA SWAN

Once Upon a Time

CASTIEL

Supernatural

HOOK

Once Upon a Time

RIVER SONG

Doctor Who

SHERLOCK

Sherlock

THE DOCTOR

Doctor Who

JOHN WATSON

Sherlock

STILES STILINSKI

Teen Wolf

IRON MAN

Marvel

LYDIA MARTIN

Teen Wolf

CAPTAIN AMERICA

Marvel

BLACK WIDOW

Marvel

AQUAMAN

DC

LOKI

Marvel

HARRY POTTER

Harry Potter

WINTER SOLDIER

Marvel

HERMIONE GRANGER

Harry Potter

WONDER WOMAN

DC

RON WEASLEY

Harry Potter

BATMAN

DC

FINN

Star Wars

SUPERMAN

DC

POE DAMERON

Star Wars

REY

Star Wars

CLARKE GRIF-N

The 100

ELLE

Geekerella

CLARY FRAY

Shadowhunters

DARIEN

Geekerella

JACE

Shadowhunters

CAPTAIN KIRK

Star Trek

SNAPE

Harry Potter

SPOCK

Star Trek

DARTH VADER

Star Wars

ELIZABETH BENNETT

*Pride and Prejudice
and Zombies*

HARLEY QUINN

DC