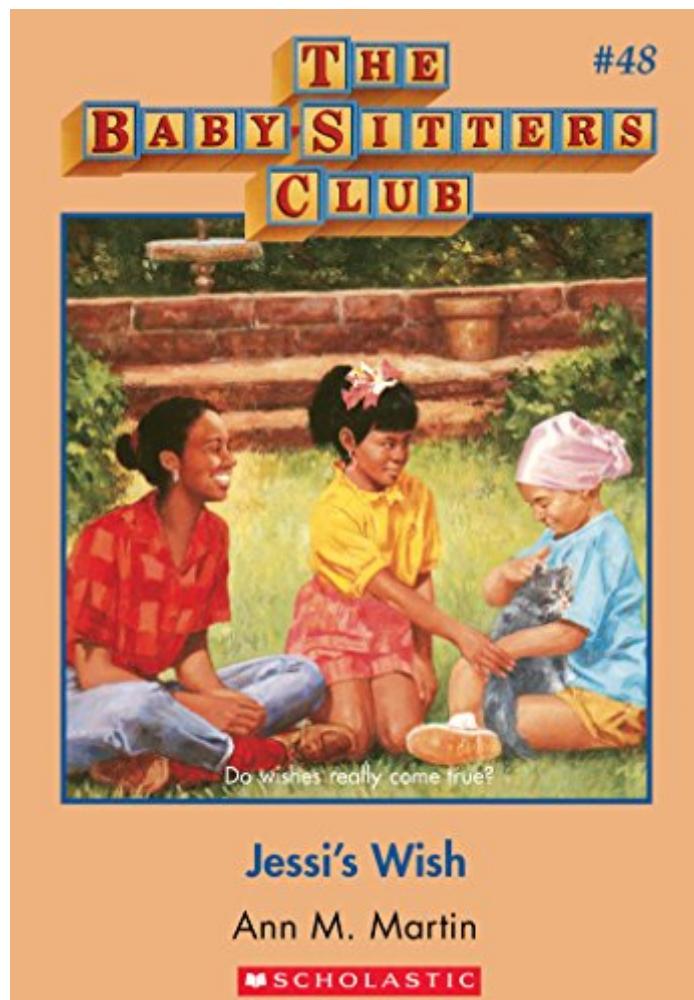


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# The Baby-Sitters Club #48: Jessi's Wish



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## **Synopsis**

The hit series is back, to charm and inspire another generation of baby-sitters! When Jessi volunteers to help supervise the Kids Can Do Anything Club, she meets nine-year-old Danielle. Danielle has a beautiful smile and a great sense of humor. And she has cancer. Jessi has never met anyone like Danielle before. Even though she's very sick, Danielle is courageous and hopeful. She even has two wishes. The first is to go to Disney World. The second is to graduate from elementary school. Jessi knows she has to be strong for Danielle, and so she makes a very special wish of her own. The best friends you'll ever have--with classic BSC covers and a letter from Ann M. Martin!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Jessi has decided to help with her little sister's favorite after school club when one of the advisors needs to take some time off. While there Jessi meets a young girl, Danielle, who has leukemia. Jessi is able to help her sister and friends learn to confront their fears about Danielle's illness. Jessi also manages to help Danielle fulfill a cherished dream. Jessi's actions inspire the other members of the club to take on some volunteer projects as well. Kristy chooses to work at a daycare center,

Claudia helps out with art classes, Stacey counsels children with diabetes, Dawn works with physically disabled children, while Mary Ann decides to spend time with a brain damaged boy and Mallory volunteers to help out at an after school park program. This is the 48th installment in the popular BABYSITTERS CLUB series. This series is written at the fourth grade reading level and appeals to 3rd to 5th grade girls. The members of the club all appear in each book but each book spotlights one girl in particular, in this case Jessi Ramsey. The series has several on going story arcs that continue throughout although each book can be read and enjoyed on it's own or out of order. The stories reflect problems that young readers can identify with and are handled in a sensitive and realistic manner. The characters are well drawn and consistent throughout the series.

This is my favorite Babysitter's club book and I have read most of them. Jessi agrees to help out at her sister's after-school activity. There she meets Danielle who has cancer. Jessi is immediately drawn to her and wants to help her. When she finds out what Danielle's two wishes are, ( I'm not telling that would spoil the story) then she sets out to make the first one come true. Jessi learns a valuable lesson about life and hope. This is a really great book and I urge all of you to read it.

I really like this book... yeah Ann might'n of got all the facts straight, but the plot was wonderful. I have been reading BSC books since I was seven, and they've never lost their charm. and I dont think they ever will. I have about 50-60 of them and I have read each one three times over!

I can't believe that Danielle and family only got a 3 day Disney vacation from a wish org. Usually the kids who want a trip get to stay a week or longer! However, I did like the fact that Danielle and co. went to Epcot-- too many families with kids tend to avoid it like the plague!

Since Martin doesn't seem to have done any research regarding diabetes and autism for her previous books, it is no surprise that this book dealing with leukemia is full of errors as well. One has to do with how Danielle's leukemia was diagnosed. In the book, it was diagnosed with a blood test, and that is not how you diagnose leukemia! Some signs of leukemia can be detected by a blood test, but the only way to say for sure if a person has this disease is to give them a bone marrow aspiration. Another mistake is when Danielle returns to the hospital. The reason given is that she wasn't feeling well, so the doctors wanted to do some tests. In reality, when a leukemia victim goes into remission and is released from the hospital, that person continues to have frequent checkups. If there was a problem, it would have been detected right away. Danielle's doctors would have been

keeping close tabs on her, so this situation couldn't happen. My advise: don't expect to read these books and come away with anything relevant to real-life medicine.

I checked this book out from the library, and was disappointed. There were no sitting jobs, period. They turned from baby-sitting to nursing. What are they, Baby-sitters, Nurses on Call? The baby-sitters should NOT be nurses, they should just be regular, plain-old baby-sitters. They should NOT be turned into the Nurses on Call Club, just the Baby-sitters Club.

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