

# *Ms. Marvel Vol. 1, No Normal*

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## *Grade Levels:*

- 7-11

## *Synopsis:*

- Kamala Khan is sixteen, Pakistani and feeling smothered by her strict Muslim family. When she is gifted with the powers of Ms. Marvel she must decide just how she intends to use the gift and who she wants to be. And—how she is going to put her powers to use in her overprotected and strictly supervised world.

## *Author Website:*

- <http://gwillowwilson.com/>

## *Curricular Connections:*

- Coming of Age
- Identity/Heroism
- Heroism
- Cultural Differences

## *Lesson Ideas:*

- **Coming of Age:** Kamala chooses to keep her powers a secret from her family which leads to lies and disobedience. Write an alternative story in which she makes the choice of being open with her family about her new-found powers.
- **Identity/Heroism:** Kamala chooses to be her own version of Ms. Marvel. Who would you choose to be if you were granted super powers? Design your own superhero and choose your name and powers.  
[http://marvel.com/games/play/31/create\\_your\\_own\\_superhero](http://marvel.com/games/play/31/create_your_own_superhero)
- **Cultural Differences:** How is Kamala's family life different from your own? Compare and contrast, using examples from the story.
- **Creative Writing:** write a fan fiction story about a favorite character.

## *Common Core Standards:*

- RL 6.1 Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

## *Suggested Companion Titles:*

- *Invincible* by Robert Kirkman
- *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl* by Ryan North
- *The Batgirl of Burnside* by Cameron Stewart
- *Spider-Gwen* by Jason LaTour
- *Gotham Academy* by Becky Cloonan

## *Professional Reviews:*

- *Booklist* starred, 12/15/2014
- *School Library Journal*, 5/1/2015
- *Voices of Youth Advocates (VOYA)* starred, 6/1/2015