

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST RAGE

Study Questions

1. At the beginning of the book, Barbara is invisible. How is this a disadvantage? An advantage? Think about a time when you felt invisible, and a time when you wished you could be invisible.
2. Each band member has a signature item that gives her courage to be in the world: Barbara's hats, Carol Anne's guitar, Whitney's piercings (and profanity), Storm's perfect makeup/hair/clothes. What do you (or have you) used as "protective armor"?
3. Barbara seems to have "superpowers" in the traditional comic book sense, but more than once refers to another character's abilities as superpowers. What impossible power do you wish you had? What superpower do you actually have?
4. This is a book about not being popular yet having friends and being part of a group. Discuss "popularity" vs "belonging."
5. Barbara doesn't hide her Christian faith but considers herself an unskilled and reluctant evangelist. How does she live out her faith?