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Karen wins the school spelling contest and begins calling herself "Queen Bee". Things get worse when she wins the county contest as well and gets her picture in the paper. But at the state spelling championship, Karen gets a less in h-u-m-i-l-i-t-y.

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Tara Calaby says

I was too old for these when they first came out, but I used to read the ones that came with the book club order for the school where my mother was librarian, and I never really liked them much. I think the issue is that Karen is one of the least likeable characters from the BSB books--and this particular book is a particularly good example of why!

Lindsay says

As a former spelling bee champ, I rate this book highly because I've totally been there. Also, I hate the word transfix.

Simran Cheema says

this girl named Karen won all the spelling bee contests in connectticut
but her friends think shes showing off so they join Pamela they left her because she spelled the difficult word
example S-T-A-R thats why her friends
joined Pamela now she stopped spelling the words in sentences
so now they joined her back again

Chris says

Fuckin sucks lol

Alexandra says

Karen Brewer wins the class spelling bee, and moves on to a school spelling bee, then one at the local high school, and then wins the one in the county, and then she moves on to a statewide spelling bee. Could Karen become the champion for the whole state of Connecticut?! Tune in next we- jk.

But seriously, the girl can spell. Really hard words. Like, 'believe' and 'chimney' and 'apple.' Can YOU spell those words? Didn't think so.

Karen can.

That's why she calls herself the Queen Bee. *"I'm the Queen Bee!" I cried when we got back to class. "Get it? The Queen Bee? The best?"*

Thanks for clearing that up, Kar.

She wins a few spelling bees, mouths off, Ms. Colman throws a class party in her honor, and she is suddenly exiled from the Three Musketeers. Can you believe it? You'd think her friends would be *happy* for her, gosh! I'm surprised they didn't declare a national holiday just for her. Oh Karen, no one understands you.

As annoying as she is, I think she's so endearing. I think we all have a little Karen Brewer in us.

I wonder how the series ends? Does Karen become mayor of Stoneybrook? Only one way to find out...

Robyn Stonechild says

a classic children's novel I remember from middle school, this will always be one of my favorites

Jackie Krasuski says

What young girl did not love the Baby-Sitters Club and Karen, the Baby-Sitters Little Sister?

Amie says

Karen is a B-R-A-T.

Kate says

In which Karen wins a spelling bee, and it all goes to her head.

Alex Grant says

Karen won a lot of contests, so she got confident and became a show-off.

But in the end, she was able to accept that she was second place, and we leave her planning to apologize to her friends.

Sally says

Karen IS a show-off and the cover picture here is hideous! Will always remind me of a horrible girl I went to

primary school with, Kirsten Djuric.

Jay says

The blurb of this book proudly states Karen is a P-A-I-N. Good to know we're starting with some home truths here, Martin. In this round of BSLS, Karen discovers a new way to annoy her classmates- she's good at spelling! Except that all the words she got her actually kind of age-appropriate, and not things like syzygy or chauvinistic or xylocarp. No, we're talking things here like igloo and proudly and gasoline. Karen ain't going to be on Spellbound any time soon, guys.

Anyway, Karen is a massive brat to her friends and family. She lets it all go to her head, like she normally does. At the end, it's implied that she's learnt her lessons... but she also says that her friends have to forgive her.

Have. To. Forgive. Her.

If they don't, they're on the chopping block. Literally.

Far out, guys, Karen's pretty intense.

KJ Rude says

I am glad that Karen won four contests even if she didn't win the fifth.
