Ms. Marvel Vol. 1: No Normal DISCUSSION GUIDE

- 1 What did you enjoy most about this story? Was there anything that surprised you?
- 2 Can you pick out one part that you found especially interesting or profound? What part of the story resonated most with you?
- Kamala is a very authentic character; she has flaws and quirks and often feels like an outsider among her peers and even her family. What parts of her story were the most realistic? Were there any aspects you particularly identified with?
- 4 One of the themes of this story is feeling comfortable in your skin while learning how to become the best version of yourself. How do you think Kamala changed throughout the story? What are some of her strengths (and weaknesses)? How do these change as the story unfolds?
- Unlike many characters in comics, Kamala isn't driven by revenge or loss, or even anger. Instead, she has an incredibly strong moral compass that informs her decisions from the very beginning of the story. How do these motivations make her story different from other superhero stories you've read or seen?
- 6 Kamala has to make some very difficult choices early on in her new role as Ms. Marvel, often resulting in clashes with her own family. How did these struggles affect her path? Do you think she will eventually tell her family the truth about her secret identity?
- Kamala often finds herself in the midst of cultural and gender clashes. She has moments when she questions her identity both as a superhero and as a teen. It's a feeling most people can relate to, even though they aren't superheroes. If you can, talk about a time when you felt like outside expectations were in conflict with the way you saw yourself.
- At the time of its release, there were some doubts that a brand new character—and this character in particular—could be successful. Yet *Ms. Marvel* is now a landmark series and a favorite with fans. Why do you think it has resonated so well, especially with young readers?
- 9 A *Ms. Marvel* television series is slated to debut on Disney+ later this year. Do you plan to watch the show? If so, what are you most looking forward to seeing in this series?
- 10 Have you read additional volumes in this series or do you plan to? If you have—without offering spoilers—share with your club a taste of what they can look forward to.

