

Crystal Cadets

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After Zoe receives a baby book containing a strange crystal from her birth mother, she discovers she's part of a long line of protectors against the darkness, the Crystal Cadets. She must join up with three fellow cadets in order to find the remaining members before the forces of darkness do. The ensemble cast features a diverse group of monster-slaying girls, all bringing various talents to the table. The girls must learn to work together, which is easier said than done. There is no sage leader to guide them, an absence played to comedic effect as the girls fumble through training themselves. Reminiscent of both *Sailor Moon* and *Steven Universe*, this funny comic will thrill middle-grade readers. Though the end wraps up nicely, the door is open for more stories in this wonderful new series.

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