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Book Review: STINK, SUPERHERO SUPERFAN

Stink Moody is learning about different things at Saturday Science Club such as crime fighter science (forensic science), superhero science, and others. The teacher, Mrs. Rottenberger, tells the class that next week they will be studying superhero science.

When Stink gets home from Saturday Science Club, he finds his sister and parents getting ready for a yard sale. Stink gets excited and starts looking for things that he can sell to get some money. After finding a few things in his room, he starts looking in the garage for his origami creations that he thinks he can sell.

While looking for the origami, he discovers a box of old comics about a superhero he has never heard of: Super Gecko! Someone offers to buy the comics for \$20, but Stink decides they might be worth more.

Stink and his friends begin looking for geckos in the neighborhood with no success, but he does begin to find notes from Super Gecko. Stink tries to use skills developed from Saturday Science Club to determine the identity of



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Super Gecko. Again, no success. The last note he gets contains enough money to purchase the new comic. When Stink, his sister Judy, and Grandma go to the Doctor Octopus bookstore, the Pink Hair Girl tells them about the first comic book of the brand-new Super Gecko series coming the following Saturday. Stink has to determine a way to get enough money to buy the new comic.

When Saturday arrives, Stink has a problem. Saturday Science Club is at the same time as the opening of the bookstore and the sale of the comic. Stink doesn't want to miss Science Club and is afraid that the comics will sell out before he gets there. Mrs. Rottenberger says that they will be making a beeline for the bookstore as soon as the club is over, and Stink is welcome to go with them. When Stink gets in line to purchase his comic, he discovers who Super Gecko is! His friends have gone together and pooled their special coins and had his sister put them in his bank. When he starts counting the money, he sees the coins and knows who the Super Geckos are.

This story has a good message about friends helping friends. It will be a good purchase for libraries that have fans of the series.

