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Two kids face off in an epic battle to see who can sell the most slime, while navigating sticky situations with friends and family.

Alex Manalo and his dad have just moved back to Sacramento to revive their extended family's struggling Filipino market. While Alex likes helping at the store, his true passion is making slime! He comes up with his own recipes, playing with ingredients, colors, and textures that make his slime truly special. Encouraged by a new friend at school, Alex begins to sell his creations, leading to a sell-off battle with a girl who previously had a slime-opoly. Winner gets bragging rights and the right to be the only slime game in town.

But Alex's dad thinks Alex should be focused more on "traditional" boy pastimes and less on slime. As the new soccer coach, Dad wants Alex to join the team.

Alex is battling on multiple fronts, with his new friends at school and with his dad at home. It will be a sticky race to the finish to see who oozes out on top.

**Discussion, revision & competition-like questions for this book are below.**

#### **Reading Rivalry Is Not a test!**

Note the Reading Rivalry questions are tools used to discuss the book(s) and topics the students read.

**The intent of RR is to foster a love of reading, introduce the students to books they may not otherwise choose, provide opportunities to work as a team and have fun!**

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- 1. Where did Alex move from?**  
From San Jose to Sacramento.
- 2. Who comes into Manalo Market and plays with Alex's slime?**  
Logan
- 3. What other shops are on the street with Manalo Market?**  
shipping place, nail salon, olive oil shop, store that sells tree stumps.
- 4. What is the YouTube channel about slime that Alex watches?**  
Soraya's 30 Second Challenge.
- 5. What sport does Alex play to appease his father?**  
Soccer.
- 6. Who does Alex see picking flowers at the park near school?**  
Meadow.
- 7. Whose house does Alex accidentally go to and try to slime?**  
Mr. Schlansky.
- 8. Who does Alex see crying at the dollar store when he is getting slime supplies?**  
Meadow.
- 9. What does Alex's dad buy for him after the soccer team wins the playoffs to get to the finals?**  
New Goalie Gloves.
- 10. What award does Alex win after the loss in the soccer finals?**  
Most Improved player.
- 11. What does Alex dream of being one day?**  
A CEO.
- 12. What is the name of the candy sold in Manalo Market?**  
White Rabbit.
- 13. What book is Pepper reading when Alex meets her?**  
The Richest Man in Babylon.
- 14. What are Alex's cousins' names?**  
Nick and Sammy.
- 15. What kind of slime does Alex try to sell first?**  
Toxic Waste Tornado.

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**16. What is the name of Alex's soccer team?**

Organic G-Beatz.

**17. What is the first goal Alex scores?**

One for the other team.

**18. Who does Logan pay to help Alex in the slime war?**

An influencer.

**19. What does the sign on the market say while they are working on it?**

Excuse Our Mess While We Remodel.

**20. What is the name of the artist who paints landscapes?**

Francisco.

**21. When does Alex call his grandparents?**

Sunday mornings.

**22. How is Alex's mom described?**

As a Feelings Person.

**23. What is the name of the robot arm company?**

Bay Area Robotics.

**24. What is the name of the principal?**

Rachel Ramos.

**25. Why do the kids go to the park to sell slime?**

It is not school property.

**26. What did Mr. Santiago say Alex reminded him of?**

Alex reminded him of what makes a good neighbor.

**27. What is Alex' favorite type of slime?**

Cotton Candy.

**28. What is the name of Alex's new business?**

Goo The Right Thing.

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### **Discussion questions**

1. What is your favorite thing about the book?
2. Alex thinks you don't need first place, there are other ways to triumph. Discuss.
3. Did you ever make slime?
4. "Everything starts with nothing." Do you agree or disagree, why?