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Theseus and the Minotaur
 by Yvan Pommaux
 Toon Graphics, 2014.
 ISBN: 9781935179610.
 A masterful retelling of the Theseus myth that respects its ancient Greek context and culture, in the first of this series.

Fangbone: Third Grade Barbarian
 by Michael Rex
 G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2012.
 ISBN: 9780399255212.
 A young barbarian from another dimension is sent on a mission to our world, only to immediately find himself stuck in the third grade. Fortunately he is able to rally the local misfits into helping him save the ultimate weapon from the hands of the enemy.

The Lost Boy
 by Greg Ruth
 Graphix, 2013.
 ISBN: 9780439823326.
 Nate didn't want to move to a new home, but when he discovers a tape recorder and note addressed to him under the floorboards, he is challenged to join with local girl Tabitha to uncover the mystery concerning a boy who disappeared long ago.

Sidekicks
 by Dan Santat
 Arthur A. Levine Books, 2011.
 ISBN: 9780439298193.
 Captain Amazing is looking for a new sidekick...and his pets want in on the action!

Meanwhile
 by Jason Shiga
 Amulet Books, 2010.
 ISBN: 9780810984233.
 Jimmy explores the lab of a mad scientist in this "Choose Your Own Adventure" style graphic novel.

Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure
 Also available in Spanish as *Perdidos en NYC: una aventura en el metro*
 by Nadja Spiegelman,
 illustrated by Sergio García Sánchez
 TOON Graphics, 2015.
 ISBN: 9781935179818.
 When Pablo gets separated from the class on a field trip to the Empire State Building, new friend Alicia helps him find his way into, around, and all about the subway system.

Sisters
 Raina Telgemeier
 Graphix, 2014.
 ISBN: 9780545540599.
 Road Trip! In this companion to *Smile!* (2010), Raina is traveling with her family in a minivan from California to Colorado.

Space Dumplins
 by Craig Thompson
 Scholastic, 2015.
 ISBN 9780545565417.
 Violet Marlocke lives on a space station. When her father disappears while on a hazardous job, Violet and her

oddball friends (Elliot, a Mensa smart chicken and Zacchaeus a Lumpkin) set out to find him.

Bake Sale
 by Sara Varon
 First Second, 2011.
 ISBN: 9781596437401.
 Cupcake runs a successful bakery with his best friend, Eggplant, but dreams of going abroad to meet his idol, Turkish Delight, who is the most famous pastry chef in the world.

Dragon Girl: The Secret Valley
 by Jeff Weigel
 Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2014.
 ISBN: 9781449441838.
 Alanna discovers a nest of dragon eggs and decides to raise them herself, but is soon caught up in the conflict between knights and dragons.

Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth
 by Judd Winick
 Random House, 2015.
 ISBN: 9780385386173.
 Despite being the only normal kind in a family of overachievers, D.J. finds himself in the position of needing to save the world after he befriends a boy who fell from the sky.



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GRADES 3-5

Akissi: Feline Invasion
Marguerite Abouet,
illustrated by Mathieu Sapin
Flying Eye Books, 2013.
ISBN: 9781909263017.
Follow the irrepressible and lovable Akissi as she gets into trouble and has adventures throughout her small town in West Africa.

Giants Beware
by Jorge Aguirre,
illustrated by Rafael Rosado
First Second, 2012.
ISBN: 9781596435827.
Three stalwart companions and their trusty dog set out to defeat a local giant. Though villains lurk at every turn, sometimes giants just aren't the baddies they're reported to be.

Bee and PuppyCat #01
by Natasha Allegri and Garrett Jackson,
illustrated by Natasha Allegri
KaBOOM!, 2015.
ISBN: 9781608864874.
Bee can't seem to find and keep a job. She and her mysterious roommate PuppyCat take a variety of magical jobs, based on the animated YouTube series.

El Deafo
by Cece Bell
Amulet, 2014.
ISBN: 9781419710209.
An autobiography about growing up deaf in a hearing world and the superpowers it takes to fit in.

Bird & Squirrel on the Run!
by James Burks
Graphix, 2012.
ISBN: 9780545312837.
Bird and Squirrel are total opposites but they have a common enemy: Cat! Join Bird and Squirrel as they become best friends while on the run, the first in the Bird & Squirrel series.

Lowriders in Space
by Cathy Camper,
illustrated by Raul Gonzalez
Chronicle Books, 2014.
ISBN: 9781452128696.
Three friends try to turn a junker into the best car in the universe in this first of the series. Includes a glossary of Spanish and science terms.

Rutabaga: The Adventure Chef
by Eric Colossal
Amulet Books, 2015.
ISBN: 9781419713804.
Rutabaga is hungry for adventure and just plain hungry in this graphic novel that illustrates how finding new ingredients and new food cultures can be just as exciting as slaying a dragon.

Comics Squad: Recess!
edited by Jennifer L. Holm, Matthew Holm and Jarrett J. Krosoczka
Random House, 2014.
ISBN: 9780385370042.
A collection of eight short stories by various popular authors about everyone's favorite subject: recess!

Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust
by Loïc Dauvillier,
illustrated by Marc Lizano
First Second, 2014.
ISBN: 9781596438736.
A grandmother shares her story of growing up a Jewish child in Nazi-occupied Paris in 1942 to a grandchild in this award-winning book.

Explorer: The Mystery Boxes
edited by Kazu Kibuishi
Amulet Books, 2012.
ISBN: 9781419700095.
Seven clever stories answer one simple question: What's in the box? Funny, fantastic, spooky, and suspenseful, each of these unique short graphic works revolves around a central theme: a mysterious box and the marvels—or mayhem—inside.

Fairy Tale Comics: Classic Tales Told by Extraordinary Cartoonists.
edited by Chris Duffy
First Second, 2013.
ISBN: 9781596438231.
Eighteen different cartoonists put their own spin on classic fairy tales from around the world. Other titles in this series include Nursery Rhyme Comics (2011) and Fable Comics (2015).

Ariol: Just a Donkey Like You or Me
by Emmanuel Guibert,
illustrated by Marc Boutavant
Papercutz, 2013.
ISBN: 9781597073998.
Although Ariol is a normal kid, causing mischief when he's able,

he still finds time to indulge in his active fantasy life and dream of bigger and better things in this first book of the series.

One Dead Spy: The Life, Times, and Last Words of Nathan Hale, America's Most Famous Spy
by Nathan Hale
Amulet Books, 2012.
ISBN: 9781419703966.
In the "Hazardous Tales" series, patriot Nathan Hale tells his executioner and a British Officer about past events, future triumphs, and unbelievable stories of the newly established United States.

Monster on the Hill
by Rob Harrell
Top Shelf Productions, 2013.
ISBN: 9781603090759.
In a land where every city has a monster of its very own, Stoker-on-Avon finds itself home to Rayburn, a monster with some serious depression issues. When the local doctor and a scrappy orphan offer to help cheer the creature up, their journey attracts the attention of the dangerous and despicable Murk.

Zita the Spacegirl
by Ben Hatke
Roaring Brook/First Second, 2010.
ISBN: 9781596434462.
In the first book of the series, Zita finds a small package in a meteoroid crater and is suddenly catapulted to another world. When she dons her superhero cape, her bravery and derring-do make her a heroine in this strange land.

Squish: Super Amoeba
by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm
Random House, 2011.
ISBN: 9780375843891.
Navigating school, friendships, and family is never easy, but it's especially challenging if you happen to be an amoeba. With the help of his hero, Super Amoeba, Squish is prepared for anything, in the first of the "Squish" series.

Beyond the Western Deep
by Alex Kain,
illustrated by Rachel Bennett
Action Lab Comics, 2015.
ISBN: 9781632291035.
A hundred-year peace between four animal nations is at risk when old conflicts and new enemies rise up in volume one of a new series based on the popular web comic of the same name.

Chi's Sweet Home
by Kanata Konami
Vertical, Inc., 2010.
ISBN: 9781934287811.
In the first of this manga series, a spunky lost kitten is rescued by the Yamadas, who are not allowed to have pets in their apartment. While dreaming of finding her mother, Chi navigates such trials as litter training, vet visits, and avoiding the nosy landlady.

Target Practice
by Mike Maihack
Graphix, 2014.
ISBN: 9780545528436.
The young Egyptian princess is transported far into the future,

where she must prepare to save the Nile Galaxy...but she still has to take algebra, too. The first book in the Cleopatra in Space series.

Mal and Chad: The Biggest Bestest Time Ever!
by Stephen McCranie
Philomel, 2011.
ISBN: 9780399252211.
Mal tries to hide his intellect in school, but he and his talking-dog pal Chad can't always help themselves, especially when their time machine takes them back to the time of the dinosaurs in this first book of the series.

The Secret of the Stone Frog
by David Nytra
TOON Graphics, 2012.
ISBN: 9781935179184.
Two children wake to find themselves in a marvelous world where bunnies are the size of horses, fish walk on land, and getting home isn't as easy as it sounds.

Zeus: King of the Gods
by George O'Connor
First Second, 2010.
ISBN: 9781596436251.
The story of the Greek God Zeus adapted nicely to graphic format in the first of the "Olympians" series.

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