The Other Side of the Wall by Simon Schwartz Illustrated by the author Graphic Universe, 2015. ISBN: 9781467758406. Schwartz’s graphic memoir recounts his family’s life in communist East Berlin, their escape to the West, and his childhood growing up in West Berlin.

Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani Illustrated by the author First Second, 2017. ISBN: 9781626720886. Priyanka Das discovers a magical pashmina that connects her to her mother’s past and India.


Spill Zone by Scott Westerfeld Illustrated by Alex Puvilland First Second, 2017. ISBN: 9781596439368. Addison and her sister Lexa have been on their own since something strange destroyed their city and killed their parents, now selling photos of the odd happenings is both the only way to survive—but will it also be what destroys Addison?

Swing It, Sunny by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm Illustrated by the authors Graphix, 2017. ISBN: 97805455741729. In the sequel to Sunny Side Up, Sunny faces new challenges in middle school—missing her brother and struggling with changes everywhere. Sunny’s positive attitude and a good friend will see her through, because she’s determined to stay on top.


The Witch Boy by Molly K. Ostertag Illustrated by the author Graphix, 2017. ISBN: 9781338086523. Aster was born into a magical family where all boys are expected to become shapeshifters, but Aster discovers he has a talent for witchcraft. Could revealing his secret help save a missing boy’s life?

**Graphic Novels Reading List**

**Grades 6–8**

**All’s Faire in Middle School**  
by Victoria Jamieson  
Illustrated by the author  
Dial, 2017.  
A girl starting middle school after being home schooled by her Renaissance Fair parents learns that being herself comes with challenges.

**Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography**  
by Sid Jacobson  
Illustrated by Ernie Colón  
Drawing on the unique historical sites, archives and expertise of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, this authorized biography is the complete account of the lives of Anne’s parents, her first years in Frankfurt, the rise of Nazism, her life in the annex, and her arrest and tragic death in Bergen-Belsen.

**Anya’s Ghost**  
by Vera Brosgol  
Illustrated by the author  
First Second, 2014.  
This year’s student-body election is pitting nerds against jocks in class warfare! If Charlie wins, the cheerleaders get new uniforms. If Nate wins, the robotics club stays funded.

**Friends with Boys**  
by Marika McCoola  
Illustrated by the author  
First Second, 2012.  
This graphic memoir recalls a summer when Gownley, bedridden due to chicken pox and pneumonia, overcomes these and other pre-adolescent challenges by rediscovering his love of writing and drawing comics.

**Gaijin: American Prisoner of War**  
by Matt Faulkner  
Illustrated by the author  
Mirka Herschberg lives in an Orthodox Jewish family and supports herself working in a factory. She is having an entirely different life... and meets another player who trains for the war game. It’s a fun way for her to escape from real life—until she meets another player who is having an entirely different experience.

**Ms. Marvel**  
by G. Willow Wilson  
Illustrated by Adrian Alphona  
Marvel, 2014.  
Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City who stumbles upon superpowers and becomes the next Ms. Marvel! Is she ready to handle these huge powers while also staying true to her family, culture, and dreams? First book in the series.

**The Graveyard Book, Volume 1**  
by Neil Gaiman and P. Craig Russell  
Illustrated by the author  
First Second, 2014.  
The sequel to Foiled! (2010), and the other who tells the first half of the story about Nobody Owens who is raised in a graveyard by ghosts after his parents are murdered.

**In Real Life**  
by Cory Doctorow  
Illustrated by Jen Wang  
First Second, 2014.  
Anda loves playing her favorite massively multiplayer online game. It’s a fun way for her to escape from real life—until she meets another player who must defeat a mummy monster to save her life. Will Anda win, the cheerleaders get new uniforms. If Nate wins, the robotics club stays funded.

**Jane the Fox and Me**  
by Prudence Shen  
Illustrated by the author  
Sassy shapeshifter Nimona is a sidekick to Lord Ballister Blackheart, a not so evil genius. Together they battle Blackheart’s nemesis, Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin, the champion of the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics.

**Nimona**  
by Noelle Stevenson  
Illustrated by the author  
Sassy shapeshifter Nimona is a sidekick to Lord Ballister Blackheart, a not so evil genius. Together they battle Blackheart’s nemesis, Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin, the champion of the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics.

**The Dumbest Idea Ever!**  
by Jimmy Gownley  
Illustrated by the author  
Graphix, 2014.  
Anda loves playing her favorite massively multiplayer online game. It’s a fun way for her to escape from real life—until she meets another player who must defeat a mummy monster to save her life. Will Anda win, the cheerleaders get new uniforms. If Nate wins, the robotics club stays funded.

**The One Summer**  
by Mariko Tamaki  
Illustrated by Jillian Tamaki  
First Second, 2014.  
Taking place over the course of a summer, we follow two friends—one who is ready to make the leap to teenagerhood and all the cool and dangerous things that come with it, and the other who would rather hang onto being a kid a little longer.