

2018 Great Graphic Novels for Teens Top Ten

The Backstagers. By James Tynion IV. Illus. by Rian Sygh. 2017. BOOM! Studios, \$14.99 (9781608869930). Jory, a new student at an all-boys school, feels left out of school life until he stumbles upon the backstage crew of the drama club and the mysterious tunnels they keep watch over.

Black Hammer, Volume 1: Secret Origins. By Jeff Lemire. Illus. by Dean Ormston. 2017. Dark Horse, \$14.99 (9781616557867). Abraham Slam, Golden Gail, Colonel Weird, Madame Dragonfly, and Barbalien are trapped! In their old lives they were superheroes, but because of a strange occurrence in their multiverse they are thrust into life in a rural town from which they cannot escape.

Brave. By Svetlana Chmakova. Illus. by the author. 2017. Yen Press, \$11.00 (9780316363189). Jensen, a daydreaming artist obsessed with sunspots and NASA, navigates middle school, bullies and math!

I Am Alfonso Jones. By Tony Medina. Illus. by Stacey Robison and John Jennings. 2017. Tu Books, \$18.95 (9781620142639). Fifteen year old Alfonso Jones is shot by the police while shopping for a suit, and his loved ones and classmates are left behind to address his death and the larger issue of police brutality.

Jonesy. By Sam Humphries. Illus. by Caitlin Rose Boyle.

- v.1. 2016. BOOM! Studios, \$9.99 (9781608868834).
- v.2. BOOM! Studios, \$14.99 (9781608869992).
- v.3. BOOM! Studios, \$14.99 (9781684150168).

Jonsey's superpower is that she can make anyone fall in love with anything... except herself!

Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation. By Damian Duffy and Octavia E. Butler. Illus. by John Jennings. 2017. Abrams ComicArts, \$24.95 (9781419709470). It's 1976 and Dana is trying to settle down to a comfortable life with her husband when she finds herself unexpectedly ripped from the present and sent hurtling to the slavery-era past. Here, she is tasked with saving the life of her ancestor, lest she risk never being born.

Lighter than My Shadow. By Katie Green. Illus. by the author. 2017. Lion Forge, \$19.99 (9781941302415). The author's personal account of the eating disorders she developed in an attempt to manage the black scribbles of her inner thoughts. Green candidly recounts both her steps and missteps along her path to recovery.

My Brother's Husband. By Gengoroh Tagame. Illus. by the author. 2017. Pantheon Books, \$24.95 (9781101871515). After the passing of Ryoji, his twin brother, Yaichi, and his now widowed husband, Mike, come together to learn more about the loved one they have both lost.

Pashmina. By Nidhi Chanani Illus. by the author. 2017. First Second, \$21.99 (9781626720879). Priyanka discovers in her mother's belongings a magical pashmina that leads her on a journey to India, where she seeks to understand secrets of her family and to claim her own personal identity.

Spill Zone. By Scott Westerfeld. Illus. by Alex Puvilland. 2017. First Second, \$22.99 (9781596439368). An event destroyed the small city of Poughkeepsie three years ago, forever changing reality within its borders. When an eccentric collector makes a million-dollar offer, Addison breaks her own hard-learned rules of survival and ventures farther into the Spillzone than she has ever dared.

