

GRAPHIC NOVELS READING LIST

Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles into Comics

by James Sturm, Andrew Arnold, and Alexis Frederick-Frost

Roaring Brook/First Second, 2009. ISBN: 9781596433694 (PB). This fun and unique title is both an amazing adventure and a tutorial on the basic elements of cartooning.

Akissi: Feline Invasion by 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.

Ariol: Just a Donkey like You and Me

by Emmanuel Guibert, illustrated by Marc Boutavant

Papercutz, 2013. ISBN: 9781597073998 (PB).

Although Ariol is a normal kid, causing mischief when he is able, he still finds time to indulge in his active fantasy life and dream of bigger and better things.

Babymouse: Queen of the World!

by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm

Random House, 2005. ISBN: 9780375832291 (PB).

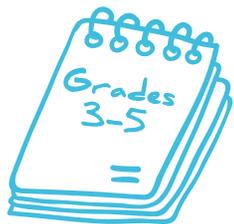
Meet Babymouse, a sassy young mouse who dreams of glamour, excitement, adventure, straight whiskers, being queen of the world, and of course, being invited to Felicia Furrypaws's oh-so-exclusive party. First of the Babymouse series.

Bake Sale

by Sara Varon

Roaring Brook/First Second, 2011. ISBN: 9781596437401.

Cupcake runs a successful



bakery with help from his best friend, Eggplant, but he dreams of going abroad to meet his idol, Turkish Delight, who is the most famous pastry chef in the world. Also recommended by this author: *Robot Dreams* (2007).

Bird & Squirrel on the Run!

by James Burks

Scholastic/Graphix, 2012. ISBN: 9780545312837 (PB).

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. First in the *Bird & Squirrel* series.

Chi's Sweet Home

by Kanata Konami

Vertical, 2010. ISBN: 9781934287811 (PB).

A supersweet manga series in which 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. First of the *Chi's Sweet Home* series.

Cleopatra in Space, Book 1: Target Practice

by Mike Miahack

Scholastic/Graphix, 2014. ISBN: 9780545528429.

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. First in a series.



Comics Squad: Recess edited by Jennifer L. Holm, Matthew Holm, and Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Random House, 2014. ISBN: 9780385370042.

A collection of eight stories by various popular authors about everyone's favorite subject: recess!

The Dodgeball Chronicles

by Frank Cammuso

Scholastic/Graphix, 2008. ISBN: 9780439903226 (PB).

In this Arthurian legend reimagined for middle-grade readers, Artie King finds that making enemies at Camelot Middle School is a lot easier than making friends, when he challenges "the Horde" to a game of dodgeball.



First of the *Knights of the Lunch Table* series.

Dragon Girl: The Secret Valley

by Jeff Weigel

Andrews McMeel, 2014. ISBN: 9781449441838 (PB).

Alanna discovers a nest of dragon eggs and decides to raise them herself, but she is soon caught up in the conflict between knights and dragons.

Explorer: The Mystery Boxes

edited by Kazu Kibuishi

Abrams/Amulet, 2012. ISBN: 9781419700101.

Seven clever stories answer one simple question: What's in the box? Funny, fantastic, spooky, and suspenseful, these unique short graphic works revolve 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

Roaring Brook/First Second, 2013. ISBN: 9781596438231.

Eighteen different cartoonists put their own spin on classic fairy tales from around the world.

Fangbone! Third-Grade Barbarian

by Michael Rex

Putnam, 2012. ISBN: 9780399255212 (PB).

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.

Giants Beware!

by Jorge Aguirre, illustrated by Rafael Rosado

Roaring Brook/First Second, 2012. ISBN: 9781596435827 (PB).

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.

Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust

by Loïc Dauvillier, illustrated by Marc Lizano

Roaring Brook/First Second, 2014. ISBN: 9781596438736.

A grandmother shares with her grandchild her story of growing up a Jewish child in Nazi-occupied Paris in 1942.

The Lost Boy

by Greg Ruth

Scholastic/Graphix, 2013. ISBN: 9780439823319.

Nate didn't want to move to a new home, but when he discovers a tape recorder



and a 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.

Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Knopf, 2009. ISBN: 9780375846830 (PB).

Lunch Lady and Betty, her assistant in both the cafeteria and her role of wrong-righting supersleuth, investigate the strange case of an absent teacher, his creepy substitute, and a plan to grab the Teacher of the Year award by truly foul means. First of the *Lunch Lady* series.

Mal and Chad: The Biggest, Bestest Time Ever!

by Stephen McCranie

Philomel, 2011. ISBN: 9780399252211 (PB).

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. First of the *Mal and Chad* series.

Meanwhile

by Jason Shiga

Abrams/Amulet, 2010. ISBN: 9780810984233.

Jimmy explores the lab of a mad scientist in this Choose Your Own Adventure-style graphic novel.

Mr. Puzzle Super Collection!

by Chris Eliopoulos

Capstone, 2013. ISBN: 9781623700355 (PB).

Mr. Puzzle uses his puzzle powers to save the people of Busyville from villains, aliens, ghosts, and a host of bizarre threats. Also issued as a series of individual books.



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Monster on the Hill by Rob Harrell

Top Shelf Productions, 2013. ISBN: 9781603090759 (PB). 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.

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy

by Nathan Hale

Abrams/Amulet, 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.

Peanuts: It's Tokyo, Charlie Brown

by Charles M. Schulz and Vicki Scott, illustrated by Vicki Scott and Paige Braddock

BOOM! Studios, 2012. ISBN: 9781608862702 (PB).

The president has asked Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang to represent the United States at a Young Ambassadors baseball game in Japan. Will they continue their streak as the losingest team in the history of the game?

Sardine in Outer Space

by Emmanuel Guibert, illustrated by Joann Sfar, translated by Sasha Watson

Roaring Brook/First Second, 2006. ISBN: 9781596431263 (PB).

Space pirate girl Sardine and her crew battle dim-witted galactic dictator Supermus-



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