

GRAPHIC NOVELS READING LISTS

grades 6 - 8

Amelia Erroway: Castaway Commander

Betsy Peterschmidt

GRAPHIX, 2021

9781338186147

When Amelia accidentally pilots her father's ship into the unknown lands, Rastor and Fynley, twin-brother engineers who live in the rain forest, do their best to help her fix the ship and fly home.

Another Kind

Trevor Bream and Cait May, illust. by Cait May

HARPERALLEY, 2021

9780063043541

Six "irregular" children are locked away in a secret government lab due to their special appearances and abilities. After almost being kidnapped, these kids must go on the run to save themselves and others like them.

Artie and the Wolf Moon

Olivia Stephens

GRAPHIC UNIVERSE, 2021

9781541542488

After discovering she's one of a long line of werewolves, Artie must quickly harness her powers and master wolf skills when vampires come back to town.

The Awakening Storm (City of Dragons #1)

Jaimal Yogis and Vivian Truong

GRAPHIX, 2021

9781338660432

Having just moved to Hong Kong with her mom and stepdad, Grace adjusts to a new school, makes new friends, and also protects a dragon from the Chinese legends her father used to tell her at bedtime.

Big Apple Diaries

Alyssa Bermudez

ROARING BROOK, 2021

9781250774279

This memoir-style graphic novel follows middle-schooler Alyssa around New York City during the year 2001.

Borders

Thomas King, illust. by Natasha Donovan

LITTLE, BROWN, 2021

9780316593069

While on a trip off their reserve to Salt Lake City, a mother and son who identify themselves as Blackfoot citizens get stuck between the United States and Canadian borders when guards will not recognize them.

Chunky

Yehudi Mercado

HARPERALLEY, 2021

9780062972798

Hudi, a comedian rather than athlete, is forced by his parents and doctor to try various sports to lose weight. With the support of his mascot, Chunky, Hudi may just survive these sports while also being himself.

Death & Sparkles

Rob Justus

CHRONICLE, 2021

9781797206356

After Death meets global sensation Sparkles the Last Unicorn, the unlikely pair square off against a trio of alien lizards intent on spreading their message of conservation and responsible citizenship in a story with fart jokes, philosophical musings, and cupcakes galore.

The Dragon Path

Ethan Young

GRAPHIX, 2021

9781338363302

On the way to the Old Land, Prince Sing gets separated from his family due to a menacing dragon tribe. The prince must learn the truth about his family's past and rescue them.

Fly by Night

Tara O'Connor

RANDOM HOUSE GRAPHIC, 2021

9780593125304

On a search for her missing sister, Dee discovers there's something living in the woods around her. That something might just be monsters, but the monsters are rarely who or what you think they are.

The Girl from the Sea

Molly Knox Ostertag

GRAPHIX, 2021

9781338540581

Saved from drowning by a magical sea creature, Morgan soon falls in love with a mermaid who attempts to pass as human in order to spend time with Morgan and prevent a coming disaster.

In the Shadow of the Fallen Towers: The Seconds, Minutes, Hours, Days, Weeks, Months, and Years After the 9/11 Attacks

Don Brown

ETCH/CLARION, 2021

9780358223573

A chronology of the devastating aftermath, personal and political consequences, heartbreak, and heroism of many who were directly involved in the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Jukebox

Nidhi Chanani

FIRST SECOND, 2021

9781250156365

Shaheen's music-loving father is missing, and she and her cousin are led to a jukebox with the power of time travel while investigating his disappearance.



The Graphic Novels Reading List was created by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association. Titles on this list were selected and annotated by members of ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee.

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Just Pretend

Tori Sharp

LITTLE, BROWN, 2021
9780316538893

Tori turns to her love of books and writing to navigate her parents' divorce and the growing pains of middle-school friendship.

Kyle's Little Sister

BonHyung Jeong

JY, 2021
9781975335892

Grace struggles starting middle school in the shadow of her older brother, a popular basketball player.

The Leak

Kate Reed Petty, illust. by Andrea Bell

FIRST SECOND, 2021
9781250217950

Twelve-year-old Ruth dreams of being an investigative reporter and finds a great news story when she and a friend discover strange black slime at the local lake.

The Legend of Auntie Po

Shing Yin Khor

KOKILA, 2021
9780525554882

In addition to her pie-baking talents, 13-year-old Mei is a storyteller whose stories not only connect traditions and community but also help her navigate the racism Mei and others encounter as Chinese Americans in 1885.

Long Distance

Whitney Gardner

SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2021
9781534455665

After an unwanted family move, things get very strange at Vega's summer camp, where she must team up with new friends to solve an out-of-this-world mystery.

Lucy in the Sky

Kiara Brinkman, illust. by Sean Chiki

FIRST SECOND, 2021
9781626727212

Lucy struggles at home, but after finding her dad's Beatles records, she creates an all-girl band with her friends, although success may be harder to find than Lucy thinks.

Messy Roots: A Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese American

Laura Gao

BALZER + BRAY, 2022
9780063067776

In this graphic memoir, Laura faces challenges both in her school and in her home as she adjusts to her new life in suburban Texas after emigrating from Wuhan, China, as a young girl.

Other Boys

Damian Alexander

FIRST SECOND, 2021
9781250222824

This memoir chronicles the author's seventh-grade year as he attempts to avoid the bullying he experienced at his previous school and navigate questions about his sexuality.

Run: Book One

John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illust. by Nate

Powell and others
ABRAMS, 2021
9781419730696

This follow-up to the March trilogy brings to life figures of the 1960s movement for civil rights and encourages readers to continue the fight to make "good trouble."

Salt Magic

Hope Larson, illust. by Rebecca Mock

MARGARET FERGUSON BOOKS, 2021
9780823446209

After a mysterious woman's curse turns her family farm's fresh spring into salt water, 11-year-old Vonceil discovers a world of witchcraft that reveals unsettling truths about the life she thought she knew.

The Sprite and the Gardener

Joe Whitt, illust. by Rii Abrego

ONI PRESS, 2021
9781620109069

A curious sprite named Wisteria awakens her long-dormant gardening skills by questioning the way things are now and how they used to be.

Stealing Home

J. Torres, illust. by David Namisato

KIDS CAN PRESS, 2021
9781525303340

Reflecting the true story of Japanese Canadians and the Vancouver Asahi baseball team, Sandy Saito and his family must navigate their time in an internment camp following the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Swan Lake: Quest for the Kingdoms

Rey Terciero, illust. by Megan Kearney

HARPERALLEY, 2022
9780062941480

Two princesses from rival royal families become best friends on an epic quest to cure a curse and perhaps ease tension between their kingdoms as well.

Treasure in the Lake

Jason Pamment

HARPERALLEY, 2021
9780063065185

Mystery, adventure, and tests of friendship ensue when 13-year-old Iris and her best friend Sam discover a hidden city in a dry riverbed.

