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

To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel

by Siena Cherson Siegel, illustrated by Mark Siegel

Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2006. ISBN: 9780689867477.

In this memoir, a young dancer tells about her passion for ballet, from her first dreams of dancing, at the age of six, through all her years of dance lessons.

The Unsinkable Walker Bean

by Aaron Renier
Roaring Brook/First Second, 2010. ISBN: 9781596434530 (PB).

Walker Bean grew up listening to his grandfather's tales of life on the high seas. Now it's Walker's turn for adventure.

The Whole World's Crazy

by Jimmy Gownley
Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2011. ISBN: 9781442445383.

Life is tough for Amelia. Her mother

is newly divorced, and they are living with her cool aunt Tanner. Amelia survives with the help of her Gathering of Awesome Superpals and some attitude. First of the Amelia Rules! Series.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

by Eric Shanower and L. Frank Baum, illustrated by Skottie Young

Marvel, 2009. ISBN: 9780785145905 (PB).

Kansas farm girl Dorothy flies away to the magical Land of Oz, but despite her adventures there, all she wants is to find a way home.

Yotsuba&!

by Kiyohiko Azuma
Yen Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780316073875 (PB).

Yotsuba is the new girl in town, and her excitement over everyday objects sometimes drives her neighbors crazy. First of the Yotsuba&! Series.

Zeus: King of the Gods

by George O'Connor

Roaring Brook/First Second, 2010. ISBN: 9781596436251.
The story of the Greek god Zeus adapted nicely to a graphic format. First of the Olympians series.

Zita the Spacegirl

by Ben Hatke
Roaring Brook/First Second, 2010. ISBN: 9781596436954.

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. First of the Zita the Spacegirl series.

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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.

The Adventures of Ook and Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future

by Dav Pilkey

Scholastic/Blue Sky, 2010. ISBN: 9780545175302.

Boys got into trouble even in the time of cavemen, and Ook and Gluk prove it by getting on the wrong side of Chief Goppernopper. Fortunately, the boys travel to the future, learn kung fu, and return in time to save the day.

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 Book/First Second, 2011.

ISBN: 9781596437401.

Cupcake runs a successful bakery with 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).

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.

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.

Explorer: The Mystery Boxes

edited by Kazu Kibuishi

Abrams/Amulet, 2012. ISBN:

9781419700095 (PB).

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.

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.

Happy Happy Clover

by Sayuri Tatsuyama

VIZ, 2009. ISBN: 9781421526560

(PB).

This sweet manga tale shares the adventures and misadventures of Clover, a bunny, and her forest-dwelling friends. First of a series.

Into the Volcano

by Don Wood

Scholastic/Blue Sky, 2008. ISBN:

9780439726719.

While their parents are away doing research, brothers Duffy and Sumo Pugg go with their cousin Mister Come-and-Go to Kokalaha Island, where they meet Aunt Lulu and become trapped in an erupting volcano.

Korgi

by Christian Slade

Top Shelf Productions, 2007. ISBN:

9781891830907 (PB).

In this wordless graphic novel, Ivy and her dog Sprout learn some amazing things about themselves as they encounter danger and adventure in Korgi Hollow. First of the Korgi series.

Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Knopf, 2009. ISBN: 9780375846830

(PB).

This is no ordinary school lunch lady; she is a superhero in disguise! In this novel, Lunch Lady, her assistant, and three students must find a missing teacher and stop a plan to steal the Teacher of the Year Award. First of the Lunch Lady series.

Magic Pickle

by Scott Morse

Scholastic/Graphix, 2008. ISBN:

9780439879958 (PB).

As a secret experiment turned superhero, Magic Pickle battles his arch foes, the members of the Brotherhood of Evil Produce. First of the Magic Pickle 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.

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 Nathan Hale's 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.

Pokémon Adventures

by Hidenori Kusaka, illustrated by Mato

2nd ed. VIZ, 2009. ISBN:

9781421530543 (PB).

In this adventure based on the ever-popular video game, Pokemon trainer Red tries to persuade independent Pikachu to join his team. First of a series.

Salt Water Taffy: The Legend of Old Salty

by Matthew Loux

Oni Press, 2008. ISBN:

9781932664942 (PB).

Two city brothers end up on the Maine seacoast for the summer, much to their disgust. When old Angus befriends them and tells the story of Old Salty, a sea monster, adventure blossoms. First of The Seaside Adventures of Jack and Benny series.

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 Supermuscleman and evil genius Doc Krok in these adventures filled with lots of lowbrow humor, translated from the French. First of the Sardine series.

The Secret of the Stone Frog

by David Nytra

TOON, 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.

The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook

by Eleanor Davis

Bloomsbury, 2009. ISBN:

9781599901428.

Three brainy misfits band together to create the ultimate scientific power team, never suspecting that a jealous villain has his eye on some of their top inventions.

Sidekicks

by Dan Santat

Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2011. ISBN: 9780439298117.

Captain Amazing is looking for a new sidekick . . . and his pets want in on the action!

Squish: Super Amoeba

by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm

Random House, 2011. ISBN: 9780375843891 (PB).

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. First of the Squish series.