

Grades 6-8

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Reading List

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Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography

by Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colón
Farrar/Hill and Wang, 2010. ISBN: 9780809026845.

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
Roaring Brook/First Second, 2011. ISBN: 9781596437135.

When Russian American teenager Anya falls down a well and meets the ghost of a girl who was killed, they become fast friends as Emily helps Anya, and Anya vows to solve Emily's murder.

The Arrival

by Shaun Tan
Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780439895293.

A wordless but very moving story about a lonely man who has just arrived in a new city in a world not unlike our own.

Best Shot in the West: The Adventures of Nat Love

by Patricia C. McKissack and Frederick L. McKissack Jr., illustrated by Randy DuBurke

Chronicle Books, 2012. ISBN: 9780811857499.
This exciting story follows the life of legendary Nat Love, a former slave and one of the most famous cowboys of the Old West.

Bone: Out from Boneville

by Jeff Smith
Scholastic/Graphix, 2005. ISBN: 9780439706230.

The adventure starts when cousins Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of Boneville and later get separated in the wilderness, meeting monsters and making friends as they attempt to return home. First of the Bone series.

Cardboard

by Doug TenNapel
Scholastic/Graphix, 2012. ISBN: 9780545418737 (PB).

A simple birthday gift of a cardboard box turns into something more when a boy and his father discover that whatever they make out of the cardboard is capable of coming to life! Also recommended by this author: *Ghostopolis* (2010).

Chiggers

by Hope Larson
Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2008. ISBN: 9781416935872 (PB).

Summer camp angst follows Abby, a girl attempting to make new friends, who finds that her alliance with weirdo Shasta puts her in danger of becoming an outcast herself.

Coraline

by Neil Gaiman, illustrated by P. Craig Russell
HarperCollins, 2008. ISBN: 9780060825430.

When Coraline steps through a secret door in her house, she finds a marvelous new world much better than her own. However, when her "other mother" wants to keep her there forever, she must use her wits and the help of an all-knowing cat to return to the real world in this

graphic novel version of Gaiman's popular title.

Drama

by Raina Telgemeier
Scholastic/Graphix, 2012. ISBN: 9780545326988.

Drama abounds on and off the stage in this hilarious take on school theater productions. Also recommended by this author: *Smile* (2010).

Foiled

by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Mike Cavallaro
Roaring Brook/First Second, 2010. ISBN: 9781596432796 (PB).

Aliera is a star at fencing, but at school no one notices her—until her new lab partner Avery begins flirting with her. Will Aliera's first date be ruined when magical creatures try to steal her foil?

Friends with Boys

by Faith Erin Hicks
Roaring Brook/First Second, 2012. ISBN: 9781596435568 (PB).

A young homeschooler transitions to high school, along with the mystery of the ghost who has followed her most of her life.

A Game for Swallows: To Die, to Leave, to Return

by Zeina Abirached
Lerner/Graphic Universe, 2012. ISBN: 9781575059419 (PB).

Zeina's parents have not returned from visiting the other half of divided Beirut during the civil war in Lebanon. Zeina gathers with neighbors in the safest place in the apartment, where they play games, talk, and support one another.

Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword

by Barry Deutsch
Abrams/Amulet, 2010. ISBN: 9780810984226.

Mirka Herschberg lives in an

Orthodox Jewish family and dreams of fighting dragons. A witch appears and issues a challenge, giving Mirka the chance she has always wanted. First of the Hereville series.

Jane, the Fox, and Me

by Fanny Britt, illustrated by Isabel Arsenault, translated by Susan Ouriou and Christelle Morelli

Groundwood Books, 2013. ISBN: 9781554983605.
Hélène delves deep into the world of Jane Eyre to escape the cruelty of her everyday life at school, until she meets a friend in an unlikely location.

Kampung Boy

by Lat
Roaring Brook/First Second, 2006. ISBN: 9781596431218 (PB).

Lat, a noted Malaysian cartoonist, tells the story of the early life of a Muslim boy growing up on a rubber plantation during the 1950s. The sequel is *Town Boy* (2007).

Laika

by Nick Abadzis
Roaring Brook/First Second, 2007. ISBN: 9781596431010 (PB).

History comes alive in the heartbreaking tale of a little stray street pup that was chosen to become a worldwide sensation in the space race.

Lewis & Clark

by Nick Bertozzi
Roaring Brook/First Second, 2011. ISBN: 9781596434509 (PB).

This historically accurate graphic novel begins with President Jefferson's call to explore the western region and continues beyond the conclusion of the famed Lewis and Clark expedition.

Little White Duck: A Childhood in China

by Na Liu and Andrés Vera Martínez, illustrated by Andrés Vera Martínez

Lerner/Graphic Universe, 2012. ISBN: 9780761381150 (PB).

A fictionalized memoir of a youth spent in post-Mao China. By turns touching, funny, and smart, this graphic novel offers a slice of life in a distant country.

Marble Season

by Gilbert Hernandez
Drawn & Quarterly, 2013. ISBN: 9781770460867.

This semiautobiographical story traces the escapades of the author and his siblings and friends in 1960s California as they grow from infants to teens.

Page by Paige

by Laura Lee Gulledge
Abrams/Amulet, 2011. ISBN: 9780810997219.

When Paige's family relocates to New York City, she has to start over. As she fills up a sketchbook, she finds the courage to become exactly who she wants to be.

Rapunzel's Revenge

by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale, illustrated by Nathan Hale
Bloomsbury, 2008. ISBN: 9781599900704.

Two traditional fairy tales—"Rapunzel" and "Jack and the Beanstalk"—merge in a fresh and funny adventure with a western flair. The sequel is *Calamity Jack* (2010).

Save Yourself

by Jeremy Whitley, edited by David Dwonch, illustrated by M. Goodwin

Action Lab Entertainment, 2012. ISBN: 9781450798945 (PB).

Princess Adrienne is no damsel in distress. Along with Sparky, her dragon, she will rescue herself and have a few adventures in the meantime. First in the Princeless series.

The Storm in the Barn

by Matt Phelan
Candlewick, 2009. ISBN: 9780763636180.

It's Kansas in 1937, and life is bleak during the Dust Bowl. Jack is left to his imagination in this graphic novel that is part historical fiction, part tall tale.

Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection

Edited by Matt Dembicki
Fulcrum, 2010. ISBN: 9781555917241 (PB).

This collaborative effort by more than 40 writers and artists presents 21 Native American trickster tales in graphic novel format.

Twin Spica

by Kou Yaginuma
Vertical, 2010. ISBN: 9781934287842 (PB).

Asumi wants to be part of Japan's first manned space mission. Does she have what it takes? First in the Twin Spica series.

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty

by G. Neri, illustrated by Randy DuBurke

Lee & Low, 2010. ISBN: 9781584302674 (PB).

Based on true events and told through the eyes of a younger boy, this graphic novel tells the story of Robert ("Yummy") as he tries to navigate the dangerous world of a Chicago neighborhood.

Zebrafish

by Sharon Emerson, illustrated by Renée Kurilla

Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2010. ISBN: 9781416995258.

Vita and the members of her rock band Zebrafish raise money to help the children's hospital where one band member is receiving cancer treatments.