

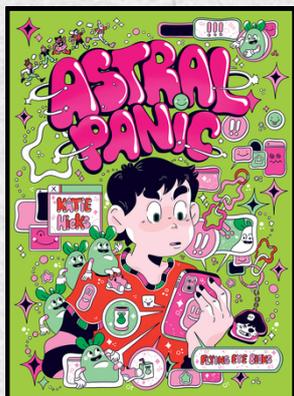


Stories in the Panels

Graphic Novels and Comics Booklist

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Astral Panic by Katie Hicks

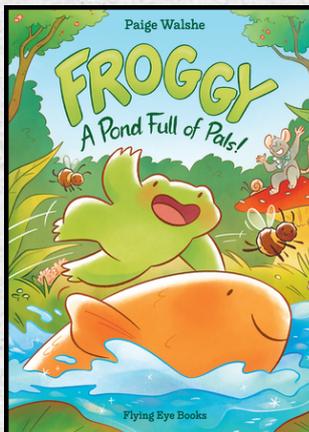


Flying Eye Books
Age 13+
ISBN 9781838742089

Astral Panic explores anxiety which will resonate with middle-teen readers. Astral Panic is a vibrant young adult graphic novel that follows Gale, an art student struggling with severe anxiety while navigating the pressures of a digital-first world.

A great read for wellbeing support!

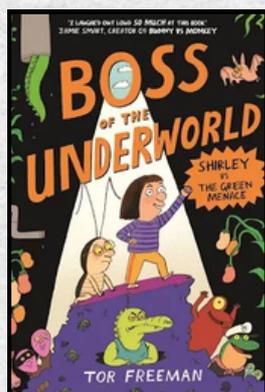
Froggy: A Pond Full of Pals! by Paige Walshe



Flying Eye Books
Age 7-11
ISBN 9781838742195

A wonderful graphic novel exploring anxiety which will resonate with middle readers. Froggy goes on an adventure and makes friends along the way. He comes across problems at the Pond, making friends in the most unlikely of places - including a wizard! An incredibly wholesome read, a fast favourite for children!

Boss of the Underworld: Shirley vs the Green Menace by Tor Freeman



Hodder Children's Books
Age 7+
ISBN 9781444976397

Shirley accidentally falls down a manhole while chasing a coin and finds herself trapped in a bizarre, subterranean world. Accompanied by a giant, bespectacled cockroach named George, Shirley must navigate surreal landmarks like the "Bog of Intense Emotions" to find her way home. Great for adventure lovers!

Barb the Brave by Dan Adbo and Jason Patterson

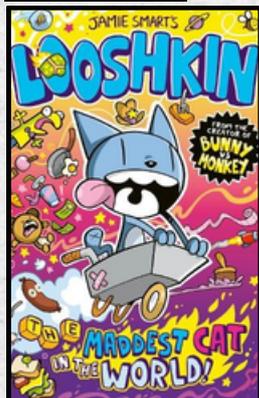


Simon & Schuster
Children's UK
Age 7+
ISBN 978-1398512702

A great follow up for Dogman lovers. Barb is a Bezerker, sworn to protect her land from monsters. A fearsome villain enters with a magic sword and captures everyone - Barb is the only one to escape! With her yeti best friend, Barb must free the warriors before it is too late.

A 'going on a quest' graphic novel, it is now a series of 4 books.

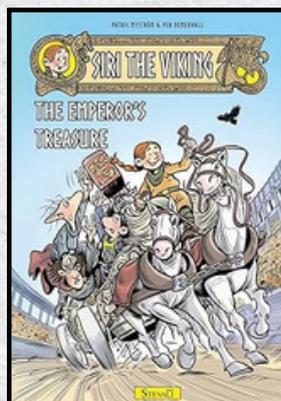
Looshkin: The Maddest Cat in the World by Jamie Smart



DFB Phoenix
Age 7+
ISBN 978-1788452557

An incredibly funny book from fan favourite Jamie Smart. Looshkin is a crazy cat with crazy ideas and absurd disasters. Looshkin's family has to survive these nonsensical schemes. Great for readers who love slapstick humour and surreal adventures. Hilarity, guaranteed!

Siri the Viking: The Emperor's Treasure by Patric Nystrom (Author), Per Demervall (Illustrator)



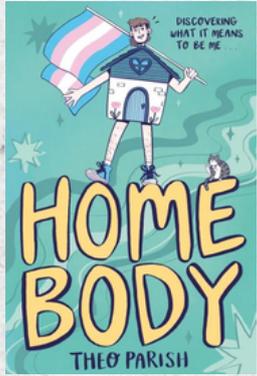
Eken Press
Age 7+
ISBN 978-1908233288

Siri, the clever and brave daughter of a Viking chieftan, often has to stow away on her father's ship to prove that she is just as capable as any warrior. Through her adventures, she has to rely on her wits rather than brute force to outsmart the villains. This series intertwines fun with learning - there are facts dotted throughout the book!



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Homebody: Discovering What It Means To Be Me
by Theo Parish



A wonderfully wholesome autobiography about Theo and their experience of being themselves. Theo goes on a journey of understanding and being your true authentic self. With heartwarming LGBTQIA+ themes, this would be a lovely read for questioning teens - seeing themselves in a story.

Macmillan Children's Books
Age 13+
ISBN 9781035017621

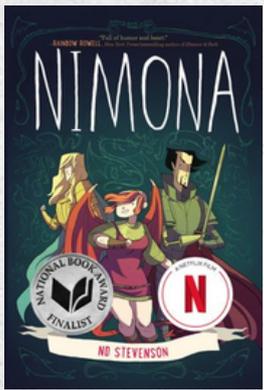
City of Dragons: The Awakening Storm
Vivian Truong (Illustrator) and Jaimal Yogis (Author)



A modern fantasy adventure following Grace who moves to Hong Kong and discovers a dragon egg, throwing her into a world of ancient magic. It is a brilliant blend of Chinese dragon lore with themes of friendship, grief, and environmental responsibility. Great for reluctant readers.

Scholastic
Age 8+
ISBN 9781338660425

Nimona by ND Stevenson



Shapeshifting Nimona joins forces with the "villainous" Lord Ballister Blackheart to expose the corruption of the elite Institution of Law Enforcement. As their chaotic schemes escalate, Ballister realizes Nimona's powers are far more ancient and dangerous than he initially suspected. Incredibly exciting and full of adventure, this is a great read!

Quill Tree Books
Age 13+
ISBN 9780062278227

Sheets Volume 1 by Brenna Thummler



Marjorie struggles to keep her family's laundry business afloat whilst navigating the social pressures of middle school. Her whole world changes when she meets Wendell - the ghost of a young boy who is inadvertently causing havoc in her shop whilst seeking a sense of belonging. This book explores grief, friendship, and the courage.

Oni Press
Age 9+
ISBN 978-1941302675

Graphic Novels and Comics are a fantastic way to 'Go All In' with reading. With high appeal and exciting stories, they can encourage children to pick up a story!

Phantom Hearts by Rosie Talbot (Author), and Sarah Maxwell (Illustrator)



A gripping, ghostly graphic novel filled with heartache and loss, mystery and love. Malia is struggling with anxiety, and dealing with the fallout of a fatal crash that her father was the driver of. She starts to see the ghosts of the students who died, and meets Keezy, the cute daughter of the local mechanic. Malia has to discover the mystery behind the crash. Brilliant for teens!

Scholastic
Age 13+
ISBN 978-0702333408

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Dungeons & Dragons: Dungeon Club: Roll Call by Molly Knox Ostertag (Author), Xanthe Bouma (Illustrator)



Farshore
Age 10+
ISBN 978-0008531072

Fantastically fun and full of friendship, this Dungeons and Dragons graphic novel would be great for gaming fans. Jess and Olivia go to middle school and start a D&D club, though Jess is not too keen on making more friends! Jess struggles with the friendship and change, and becoming braver as a result. Told through D&D game sessions and the real school life, this

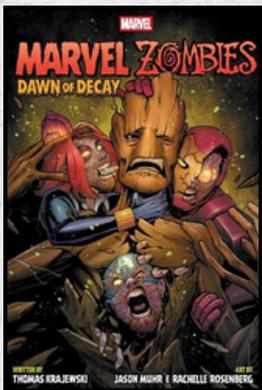
Unico: Awakening by Samuel Sattin (Author), Gurihiru (Illustrator), Osamu Tezuka (Creator)



Graphix
Age 7+
ISBN 978-1339036342

Banished from the heavens by the goddess Venus, a young unicorn named Unico is saved by the West Wind and begins a journey helping others. He takes refuge with a kind old woman and uses his magic to transform Chloe into a human girl. However, this act of kindness alerts Venus, forcing Unico to face her wrath once again to protect his friends. Lovable character and lots of fun!

Marvel Zombies: Dawn of Decay by Thomas Krajewski (Author), Jason Muhr (Illustrator)



Publisher: Marvel Comics
Age 11+
ISBN: 9781302960001

Perfect for superhero fans - Groot has a sickness which accidentally turns Captain America into a zombie when Groot sneezed his germs on him. It quickly spreads - Groot and The Hulk are the only ones immune and they must find a way to Bruce Banner's lab to develop a cure. action packed and fast-paced. It is a series of comics, available as an omnibus edition

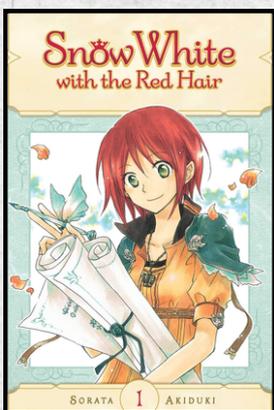
Haikyu!! by Haruichi Furudate



VIZ Media LLC
Age 11+
ISBN 9781974747092

Shoyo Hinata is determined to prove that incredible jumping power can overcome a lack of height in volleyball. After a crushing middle school defeat, he vows to surpass his rival, the genius setter Tobio Kageyama. However, the two are forced to put aside their grudge when they unexpectedly become teammates at Karasuno High School. Great for sports fans!

Snow White with the Red Hair by Sorata Akiduki (Translated by Caleb Cook)



VIZ Media LLC
Age 13+
ISBN 978-1974707201

A very cute, romantic retelling of Snow White - very popular! Shirayuki is a court pharmacist. But, a prince wants her all to himself! She doesn't want him, at all - so she escapes into the woods and a young man named Zen comes to her aid, but who is he really? With great depths of character, real adventure and real, human solutions - this is a strong favourite with teenagers. (currently 27 book series)

Splatoon Vol 1 by Sankichi Hinodeya



VIZ Media LLC
Age 7+
ISBN 978-1421595481

A goofy and lighthearted Inkling named Goggles leads their team into the competitive world of Turf Wars, despite their reputation as unskilled underdogs. Read through their bizarre antics and unpredictable teamwork to take on their rivals. A funny and entertaining manga focusing on fun and friendship. (16 book series currently)



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Same stories - different way

A list of Graphic Novel Adaptations to encourage readers

Adaptations of Classic Novels and Text

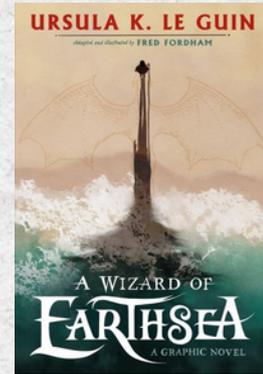
These are classic stories in graphic novel form - incredibly accessible.



Lord of the Flies: The Graphic Novel
by William Golding (Author), Aimée de Jongh (Illustrator, Adapter)
Publisher Faber & Faber
ISBN 978-0571374250
Age 11+

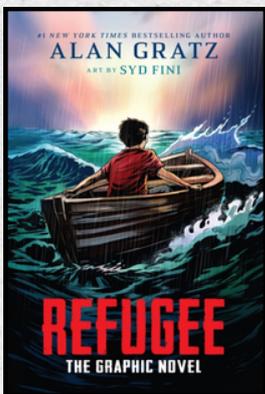


Classics in Grapics Shakespeare Collection
Publisher: Franklin Watts
Age 10+



A Wizard of Earthsea: The Graphic Novel
by Ursula K. Le Guin (Author), Fred Fordham (Author/Illustrator)
Publisher: Walker Books
ISBN 978-1529526264
Age 9+

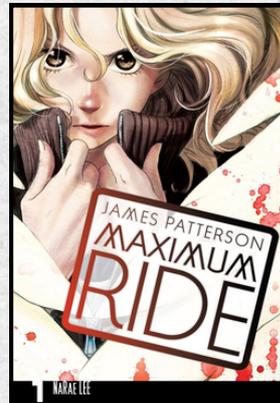
Adaptations of Contemporary Stories



Scholastic
ISBN 978-0702344589
Age 9+

Refugee by Alan Gratz and Syd Fini

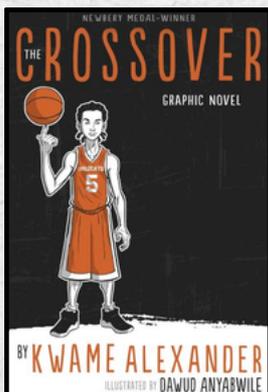
Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Germany with the threat of concentration camps looking, Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994 fleeing riots and unrest, Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015 with his homeland torn apart by violence. All three must survive harrowing journeys, but they are all connected. Brilliant adaptation.



Arrow
ISBN 978-0099538363
Age 11+

Maximum Ride by James Patterson and NaRae Le

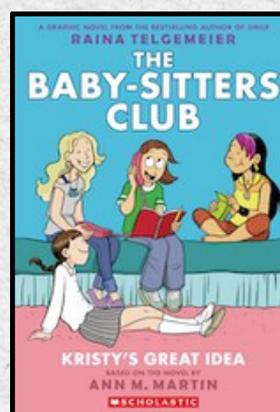
An action-packed story about a family of kids with bird DNA (they have wings!). But their life becomes a living nightmare when the youngest, Angel, is kidnapped by the 'School' (who created them). Max's plan is rescue, and survival. Will Max and the Flock survive the troubles to come? Great action, exciting adventure - a solid adaptation.



Andersen Press
ISBN 978-1783449590
Age 11+

The Crossover: Graphic Novel by Kwame Alexander (Author), Dawud Anyabwile (Illustrator)

I might even prefer The Crossover in graphic novel form! The verse novel has been beautifully illustrated, and the impactful orange and black colour scheme is brilliant. With a strong emotional story, basketball, brotherly bonds being tested - this is a winner.



Graphix
ISBN 978-0545829083
Age 8+

Kristy's Great Idea: A Graphic Novel (The Baby-Sitters Club #1) by Ann M. Martin (Author), Raina Telgemeier (Illustrator)

Adapted by fan favourite Raina Telgemeier, this graphic novel series is bringing a classic story to a new audience. The girls start the babysitters club - dealing with cranky toddlers, scary neighbours, and prank calls, all the while keeping their friendships strong along the way. A very engaging graphic novel which is well loved by all.