# Graphic Novels

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<td>When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.</td>
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<td>When a new girlfriend comes between Emma the dog and her owner George, Emma e-mails &quot;Ask Queenie,&quot; an advice column for dogs having problems with difficult humans.</td>
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<td>Benjamin Bear, accompanied by his faithful rabbit friend, continues to share his observations and questions about the world around him.</td>
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<td>Wanda's plan to make herself famous backfires when her floppy-faced dog starts drawing all the attention</td>
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The Critter Kids come face-to-face with wild wetland creatures in the Snake Hill Swamp Sanctuary. Are they safe?

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In this wordless graphic novel, a young girl traveling from her city apartment to her grandmother's country home becomes lost and enters a fantastical world in the clouds.

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Two mice meet their new neighbor and discover that she is not as scary as they feared.

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Lots of little, everyday frustrations make Nina mad, and she is very good at expressing her feelings.

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Morgan loves to shoot hoops, but she is the smallest girl on her team--can her friend Alexis help her to think big before the next game?

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When Henrietta's mother gives her a box of colored pencils, she sets out to draw a terrifying and fantastic adventure.

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Having lost their home, a fox and her daughter move in with a badger and his three children, but when the youngsters throw a big party hoping to prove that they are incompatible, their plan backfires.

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Ben lost something that belongs to his sister, and he has to find it. He is scared, but it doesn't matter. Ben has to be brave. He has to go into the attic.
With the help of his nursery rhyme friends, Little Boy Blue, who now runs a detective agency, solves the mystery of the missing Miss Muffet.

Maya's unique table manners turn the palace upside down when she accepts an invitation to dine with the queen.

When Andrew's lunch goes missing, he is left sad and hungry. With the help of his friend Dylan, the search for the lost lunch begins.

Two young chicks have fun making masks and playing with the letter A.

Emrick the shoemaker can barely afford food for himself and his wife, but they give far more than they take. One day, Emrick's generosity compels him to trade a pair of shoes for a beautiful woodlands painting. He hangs the curious work of art on the wall and goes to sleep hungry. The next morning, he awakens to find a beautifully-crafted pair of shoes resting upon his desk. Later that night, Emrick and his wife watch from the shadows as several tiny elves emerge from inside the magical painting!

Anna, her best friend Froga, and their animal friends have a series of comedic adventures as they play tennis, build a snowman, and make a movie.

Silly Lilly tries out a new job every day of the week, from acrobat to vampire.
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<td>Billy Goat sets sail in his boat looking for treasure to feed his village, encountering monsters on the way, before he finds exactly what he is looking for.</td>
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<td>Little Mouse gets dressed to go to the barn with his mother, brothers, and sisters.</td>
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<td>After getting separated from his teacher, his classmates, and his trip partner during an outing to the Empire State Building, Pablo, the new kid in school, learns to navigate the New York City subway system as well as his own feelings towards making new friends and living in a big city.</td>
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<td>GN740L</td>
<td>Spires, Ashley</td>
<td><em>Binky the Space Cat</em></td>
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<td>Binky's blast-off into outer space (outside) to battle aliens (bugs) is delayed when he realizes he's left something behind--and it's not the anti-gravity kitty litter.</td>
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<td>A boy and a mouse take a bumpy sea journey to the majestic expanses of the Antarctic, where they see the sights and meet new friends.</td>
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<td>Williams, Marcia</td>
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<td>Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2011.</td>
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<td>Retells eight Greek myths in a comic strip format, including &quot;Pandora's Box,&quot; “The Twelve Tasks of Heracles,” and &quot;Theseus and the Minotaur.&quot;</td>
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<td>Ty and his family are going to the city. Ty wants to go to a museum, ride a bike taxi, visit China Town, and go to an observation tower. But when things start to go wrong, will Ty’s city visit be a disappointment?</td>
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Aaaa! That's the sound heard often from the Fox siblings as only sister Paige discovers Quincy the iguana has eaten her homework, older brother Peter applies permanent marker on his face drawing a fake goatee, and younger brother and expert video gamer Jason loses to Paige.


A group of Tiny Titans from the East side of the playground are coming to visit the originals, but they are definitely not heroes.


Hélène is an outcast in her grade. Her only consolation is reading *Jane Eyre.* Even seeing a lovely fox doesn't make her feel better, but maybe a new friendship will.


Anya, embarrassed by her Russian immigrant family and self-conscious about her body, has given up on fitting in at school but falling down a well and making friends with the ghost there just may be worse.

GN630L  Brown, Jeffrey. *Jedi Academy.* New York: Scholastic Inc., 2013. (Also by author: *Vader's Little Princess*)

The story of Roan Novachez, Jedi Academy student, is told through comics, journal entries, letters, doodles, and newspaper clippings. This incredible, original story from author/illustrator Jeffrey Brown captures all of the humor, awkwardness, fun, and frustrations of middle school ... in a galaxy far, far away.


Lupe, Flapjack, Elirio customize their car into a low rider for the Universal Car Competition to win the cash prize that will enable them to buy their own garage.


Mr. Puzzle is back, protecting Busyville from a zombie rock band and many other weird threats.

Retold in graphic novel form, the narrator tells the reader about the murder he committed, and the terrifying aftermath.


In a fantastical 1860s England, every quiet little township is terrorized by a ferocious monster--much to the townsfolk's delight! Each town's unique monster is a source of local pride, not to mention tourism. Each town, that is--except for one. Unfortunately, for the people of Stoker-on-Avon, their monster isn't quite as impressive.


When a little girl finds an adorable robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time. Now, she finally has a friend. But the big, bad robots are coming to collect the little guy for nefarious purposes, and it's all up to a five-year-old armed only with a wrench and a fierce loyalty to her mechanical friend to save the day!


In an adaptation faithful to Shakespeare's original text, Gareth Hinds transports readers to the sun-washed streets and market squares of Shakespeare's Verona, bringing the classic play to life on the printed page.


Sunny Lewin is sent to live with her grandfather for the summer in Florida, where she befriends Buzz, a boy completely obsessed with comic books, and faces the secret behind why she is in Florida in the first place.


A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.


Most children think twice before braving a haunted wood filled with terrifying beasties to match wits with a witch, but not Masha. Her beloved grandma taught her many things: that stories are useful, that magic is fickle, that nothing is too difficult or too dirty to clean. The fearsome witch of folklore needs an assistant, and Masha needs an
adventure.


In her diary, Daphne Davis doodles, draws, and documents a series of disasters on her first two days of fourth grade, most of which result from her new teacher accidentally calling her Daffy.


Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.


Pete Bogg is a twelve-year-old half-human, half-frog who has lived in the swamp with his frog father his whole life, but because of his human half he does not really fit in with the other frogs in school--so he sets out to experience the human world and find out if he can manage to live in both.


Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are.


This graphic adaptation from Kipling's Just so stories relates how the leopard got his spotted coat in order to hunt the animals in the dappled shadows of the forest.

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<td>In cartoon format, uses Frankenstein's monster to explain the steps of the scientific method.</td>
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<td>Welcome to the Human Body Theater, where your master of ceremonies is going to lead you through a theatrical revue of each and every biological system of the human body! Starting out as a skeleton, the MC puts on a new layer of her costume (her body) with each &quot;act.&quot;</td>
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<td>Dozens of astronauts travel to space every year, but what makes these amazing trips possible? Max Axiom has the answers. Join Max as he explores the science and engineering behind space travel.</td>
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<td>Ready to build a graphic novel? First, you'll need the right tools. Open this title in the Writer's Toolbox series and discover plenty of tips and tools to get you started. Soon you'll be filling panels, boxes, and bubbles like a pro!</td>
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<td>Fish, Andy.</td>
<td><em>How to Draw Graphic-Novel Style</em></td>
<td>New York: Chartwell, 2010.</td>
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<td>Everyone loves to draw, from characters to cars, space to sports, just about everything can be recreated in fun and simple graphic novel style drawings. Whether you want to draw them professionally or design special graphics for friends and family, this is the book for you. Complete with easy to follow steps and guidelines, this book will make you a graphic novel guru before you know it.</td>
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917.804 Y79L

Exciting illustrations follow the events of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The combination of brightly colored panels and leveled text is intended for students in grades 3 through 7.

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A grandmother shares the story of her experiences in WWII with her grandchild in this graphic novel for young readers.

973.7115 H134U

Araminta Ross was born a slave in Delaware in the early 19th century. Slavery meant that her family could be ripped apart at any time, and that she could be put to work in dangerous places and for abusive people. But north of the Mason-Dixon line, slavery was illegal. If she could run away and make it north without being caught or killed, she’d be free. Facing enormous danger, Araminta made it, and once free, she changed her name to Harriet Tubman. Tubman spent the rest of her life helping slaves run away like she did, every time taking her life in her hands.

**BIOGRAPHY**

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Exciting illustrations follow the events of Amelia Earhart’s flight across the Atlantic. The combination of brightly colored panels and leveled text is intended for students in grades 3 through 7.

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Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers!

B L5873L

This graphic novel is a first-hand account of Congressman John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation.

Fictionalized account, in graphic novel format, of the life of Nat Love, also known as Deadwood Dick, who grew up to become the most famous African-American cowboy in the Old West.


In graphic novel format, describes the life of Barack Obama, focusing on his run for the presidency, from his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic convention to his public appearance in Chicago with his family upon his 2008 election.


Presents the story of Lily Renée Wilheim, the Jewish girl who escaped from the Nazis through the Kindertransport operation, leaving her parents behind and traveling alone to England, later becoming a comic book artist in New York.

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