

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Clanton, Ben. *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea* (series). A happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish forge an unlikely friendship and share adventures while exploring the ocean together.

Green, John Patrick. *Hippopotamister*. The zoo where Hippo and Red Panda live isn't what it used to be, so Hippo sets out to live in the human world and is quite successful, becoming a construction worker, hairstylist, and sous-chef. Armed with new skills, he returns to the zoo and makes it a better place.

Guojing. *The Only Child*. 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.

Hatke, Ben. *Little Robot*. When a little girl finds an adorable robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time.

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

McCormick, Scott. *Mr. Pants* (series). On the last day of summer vacation, all Mr. Pants wants to do is play laser tag, but Mom and his sisters, Foot Foot and Grommy, have other ideas.

Savage, Doug. *Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy*. Superheroes Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy use their superpowers to defend their forest home against aliens, mutants, and cyborgs.



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EARLY CHAPTERS

Angleberger, Tom & Bell, Cece. *The Goat Who Chewed Too Much* (series). When his goat assistant is arrested for stealing the golden pickle paperweight, a mystery-solving Venus flytrap is determined to find the real thief.

Brown, Monica. *Lola Levine Is Not Mean*. Lola accidentally fouls another soccer player and is banned from playing, but she has a loving family and friends who make her feel better.

Cronin, Doreen. *Chicken Squad* (series). Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar might be chicks, but they sure aren't chicken! It's up to them to figure out what big, mysterious thing is scaring their friend Tail the squirrel.

Dillard, Sarah. *Mouse Scouts: Camp Out* (series). The Mouse Scouts are hitting the nature trail to earn their "Camp Out" badge. But not all of the troopers are gung-ho about sleeping under the stars!

Faris, Stephanie. *Piper Morgan to the Rescue* (series). When Piper volunteers at an animal shelter, she falls in love with a puppy named Taffy. Can she convince her mom that she is responsible enough to take care of a dog?

Hale, Shannon. *Princess in Black* (series). When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black!

Hanlon, Abby. *Dory Fantasmagory* (series). Dory, the youngest in her family, spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.

Himmelman, John. *Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny* (series). Young rabbit Isabel learns that Bunjitsu isn't just about hitting, throwing, and kicking but about finding ways to not hit, throw, or kick.

Hurwitz, Johanna. *Magical Monty* (series). Monty includes his baby sister in a school project and learns that sometimes a day filled with excitement is not the best thing.

Landry, Leo. *What's Up, Chuck?* Chuck the woodchuck is a skilled sculptor in wood, and has won the Best of the Forest art contest three years in a row, but this year he faces a serious challenge from a newcomer, Scooter Possum.

Medina, Juana. *Juana & Lucas*. A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip to Spaceland in the United States is planned.

O'Donnell, Liam. *The Case of Maker Mischief* (series). Myron, a third-grade detective who loves logic, facts, and solving mysteries, gets the chance to crack a case when he finds out his classmate Jordan's robot has been stolen.

Roland, Timothy. *Monkey Me and the Golden Monkey*. When a special banana turns hyperactive Clyde into a monkey, he uses the excess energy to save the day.

Rylant, Cynthia. *The Cobble Street Cousins: Summer Party* (series). Nine-year-old cousins Lily, Rosie, and Tess are sad when it is time to leave Aunt Lucy, so they plan a party.

Siegal, Ida. *Big News* (series). Emma is on the trail to solving the mystery of who put a worm in a friend's hamburger.

Willems, Mo. *The Story of Diva and Flea*. In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog named Diva and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.

Zemke, Deborah. *My Life in Pictures*. When budding artist Bea Garcia's best friend moves to Australia and a loud, rambunctious boy moves into her old house, Bea must learn to make new friends.

NONFICTION

Burleigh, Robert. *Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea* (597.3 DAV). An illustrated biography of scientist Maria Tharp, the first person to successfully map the ocean floor.

Davey, Owen. *Smart About Sharks* (597.3 DAV). Discover new and fascinating facts about the wonderful world of sharks!

Fogliano, Julie. *When Green Becomes Tomatoes* (811 FOG). 48 poems take the reader through the seasons.

Jenkins, Steve. *How to Swallow a Pig* (591.5 JEN). A clever book about animal behavior disguised as a how-to/advice book.

Mizielinska, Aleksandra. *Maps* (912 MIZ). Fifty-two highly illustrated maps detail not only geographical features and borders, but also places of interest, iconic personalities, native animals and plants, and local cultures.

Montalván, Luis Carlos. *Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog* (636.7 MON). Adorable, full-color photographs tell the story of the amazing service dog who helps former U.S. Army Captain Luis Carlos Matalván overcome his combat-related wounds.

PICTURE BOOKS

Ellis, Carson. *Home*. This book will encourage children to think about their own homes and the homes of others and dream about living in a palace or a shoe one day.

Ewart, Marcus. *Mummy Cat*. Mummy Cat prowls his pyramid home, longing for his beloved owner. Will tonight be the night they are reunited?

Falatkó, Julie. *Snapps the Alligator*. Snapps's ordinary day is interrupted by a meddling narrator.

Hadfield, Chris. *The Darkest Dark*. Chris is afraid of the dark until he sees the Eagle land on the moon and is moved by the beauty of space. Inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield.