

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Allison, John. *Bad Machinery: The Case of the Unwelcome Visitor*. Are mystery-solving British school kids any match for a soul-sucking creep lurking around their neighborhood?

Bosma, Sam. *Fantasy Sports* (series). When two mages raid a mummy's tomb for magical items, they run into the mummy itself, who challenges them to a some one-on-one on the basketball court.

Cloonan, Becky. *Welcome to Gotham Academy* (series). The most prestigious school in Gotham City: only the best and brightest students may enter its halls, study in its classrooms, explore its secret passages, summon its terrifying spirits.

Ha, Gene. *Mae* (series). Abbie discovered a portal to a fantasy world as a child. Now she has returned home a hero, but her tales are too hard for her sister Mae to believe—until the monsters start to cross over to our world.

Inzer, Christine Mari. *Diary of a Tokyo Teen: A Japanese-American Girl Travels to the Land of Trendy Fashion, High-Tech Toilets and Maid Cafes*. Just before her 16th birthday, Christine spends the summer in Japan with her grandparents, journaling all the sights, sounds, and amazing characters she meets along the way.

Lewis, John. *March* (series). A firsthand account of Congressman John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

Stevenson, Noelle. *Nimona*. 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.

Waid, Mark. *Archie: The New Riverdale* (series). The bite and hilarious edge of Archie's original tales in a modern world.



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FICTION

Abdel-Fattah, Randa. *Does My Head Look Big in This?* When Amal decides to wear the hijab full-time, her entire world changes.

Acampora, Paul. *I Kill the Mockingbird*. When best friends Lucy, Elena, and Michael receive their summer reading list, they are excited *To Kill a Mockingbird* is included, but not everyone shares their enthusiasm.

Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. Twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with drama on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Auxier, Jonathan. *The Night Gardener*. Irish orphans Molly and Kip travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be.

Diaz, Alexandra. *The Only Road*. Jaime and his cousin Ángela undertake the arduous journey to the North after a gang in Guatemala threatens their family. Diaz portrays with empathy the dangers, decisions, and regrets faced by unaccompanied minors as they migrate in search of refuge.

D'Lacey, Chris. *A Dark Inheritance*. When Michael Malone saves a dog, he discovers that he has paranormal abilities, which bring him to the attention of a secret organization.

Frost, Helen. *Hidden*. When Wren and Darra meet at a Michigan summer camp, both are overwhelmed by memories from six years earlier, when Darra's father stole a car, unaware that Wren was hiding in the back.

Johnson, Jaleigh. *Mark of the Dragonfly*. When Piper finds a mysterious girl among the wreckage in the Meteor Fields, her life takes an exciting, magical turn.

Lai, Thanhha. *Listen Slowly*. The summer before she turns 13, Mai is planning to spend her time going to the beach and finally talking to her secret crush, not accompanying her grandmother to Vietnam.

Lovelace, Maud Hart. *Emily of Deep Valley*. Although she longs to go to college like the rest of her classmates, orphaned Emily Webster tries to reconcile

herself to staying behind in Deep Valley and, except for the pleasure of keeping house for her beloved grandfather, facing what she is convinced will be a dreary and uninteresting year.

Maguire, Gregory. *Egg and Spoon*. Impoverished Russian country girl Elena and the aristocratic Ekatrina meet and set in motion an escapade that includes mistaken identity, a monk locked in a tower, a prince traveling incognito, and the witch Baba Yaga.

Mullen, Diane C. *Tagged*. Liam is a 14-year-old graffiti artist living in project housing in Minneapolis with his single mother and three younger siblings. When Liam's estranged older brother coerces him to tag a graffiti symbol for a rival gang, Liam's life is threatened. His mother decides to send him to Lake Michigan for the summer to live with her best friend, Kat, a sculptor and art teacher where he's encouraged to consider his art seriously and how it might contribute to a greater community.

Pearsall, Shelley. *Jump Into the Sky*. In 1945, 13-year-old Levi is sent to find the father he has not seen in three years. When they're united, he learns his father's unit, the all-black 555th paratrooper battalion, will never see combat but finally has a mission.

Priest, Cherie. *I Am Princess X*. Years after writing stories about a superheroine character she created with a best friend who died in a tragic car accident, May is shocked to see images of the superheroine appearing around Seattle.

Ross, Elizabeth. *Belle Époque*. Maude, a plain, impoverished girl in Belle Époque Paris, is hired by Countess Dubern to make her headstrong daughter, Isabelle, look more beautiful by comparison.

Shevah, Emma. *Dream On, Amber*. Amber's Japanese father left when she was little, and her sister Bella was just a baby, so now she fills in the frustrating gap in her life with imagined conversations, and writes letters to Bella that seem to come from their father.

Smith, Jennifer E. *This Is What Happy Looks Like*. Perfect strangers Graham and Ellie strike up an email friendship when Graham mistypes an address and accidentally reaches Ellie. They live across the country and don't even know each other's first names, let alone that Graham is a famous actor.

Stead, Rebecca. *Goodbye Stranger*. As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade with her best friends, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age 8: "What is my purpose?"

Vande Velde, Vivian. *Heir Apparent*. While playing a total immersion virtual reality game of kings and intrigue, 14-year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected. She must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.

Wright, Barbara. *Crow*. In 1898, Moses Thomas's summer vacation does not go exactly as planned as he contends with family problems and the ever-changing alliances among his friends at the same time as he is exposed to the escalating tension between the African-American and white communities of Wilmington, North Carolina.

NONFICTION

Bolden, Tonya. *Searching for Sarah Rector: The Richest Black Girl in America* (BIO REC).

Charleyboy, Lisa and Leatherdale, Mary Beth (eds.). *Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native American Voices* (970.1 DRE).

Engle, Margarita. *Bravo!: Poems About Amazing Hispanics* (920.009 ENG).

Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia* (947.08 FLE).

Hopkinson, Deborah. *Titanic: Voices From the Disaster* (910.916 HOP).

Murphy, Jim. *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure* (616.995 MUR).

Schatz, Kate. *Rad Women Worldwide: Artists and Athletes, Pirates and Punks, and Other Revolutionaries Who Shaped History* (920.72 SCH).

Stone, Tanya Lee. *Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers* (940.54 STO).