

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Broskol, Vera. *Anya's Ghost*. Anya has given up on fitting in at school, but falling down a well and making friends with the ghost there just may be worse.

Carroll, Emily. *Through the Woods*. A collection of five spine-tingling short stories with dark, atmospheric art to match!

Roman, Dave. *Teen Boat!* (series). Teen Boat has always felt different from the other kids at Docksider High, which makes sense, since he's the only student who can transform into a small yacht!

Samanci, Özge. *Dare to Disappoint*. As a child in Turkey in the 1980s and '90s, the author watched as her country struggled between its traditional religious heritage and the new world of brand-name products and TV stars. In her own family, she struggled to figure out the place where she belonged too.

Tamaki, Mariko. *This One Summer*. Rose and her parents have been going to Awago Beach since she was a little girl. It's her summer getaway, her refuge. Her friend Windy is always there too, completing her summer family. But this summer is different, full of secrets and heartache, and it's a good thing Rose and Windy have each other.

Wilson, Seán Michael. *The 47 Ronin*. The story of 47 warriors who stage an elaborate plan to avenge their fallen master is legendary in Japan, exemplifying the ideals of samurai loyalty and perseverance.

Yang, Gene Luen. *The Shadow Hero*. Teenager Hank just wants a quiet life working in his parents' Chinatown grocery store, but the criminal underground disrupts it all and he dons a mask as the Green Turtle.



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2017-2018



FICTION

Alexander, Kwame. **Booked**. Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Alexie, Sherman. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**. Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm-town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Al-Mansour, Haifaa. **The Green Bicycle**. Since girls do not ride bikes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Wadjda has to scheme to get her own.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Speak**. A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Bowman, Erin. **Frozen**. Gray Weathersby and a small team of rebels set off on a frozen, icy journey in search of allies to help them take down the cruel Franconian Order—but they quickly learn that no ally or enemy is truly what they seem.

Dessen, Sarah. **The Moon and More**. During her last summer at home before leaving for college, Emaline begins a whirlwind romance with Theo, an assistant documentary filmmaker who is in town to make a movie.

Gansworth, Eric L. **If I Ever Get Out of Here**. Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend, George Haddonfield from the local Air Force base, but in 1975 upstate New York there is a lot of tension and hatred between Native Americans and whites—and Lewis is not sure that he can rely on their friendship.

Jensen, Michael R. **Woven**. A princess and a ghost set out on a journey to find a magic needle that can sew the ghost back to his life.

Lackey, Mercedes. **Hunter**. A teenage girl leaves home to join the legendary Hunters, who protect the people from the terrifying monsters that have overrun their world.

Magoon, Kekla. **Fire in the Streets**. In the aftermath of Dr. King's assassination in 1968, Chicago 14-year-old Maxie longs to join the Black Panthers, whether or not her brother Raheem, ex-boyfriend Sam, or her friends like it, and is soon caught up in the violence of anti-war and civil rights demonstrations.

Manzano, Sonia. **The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano**. It is 1969 in Spanish Harlem, and 14-year-old Evelyn Serrano is trying hard to break free from her conservative Puerto Rican surroundings, but when her activist grandmother comes to stay and the neighborhood protests start, things get a lot more complicated—and dangerous.

Martinez, Victor. **Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida**. Fourteen-year-old Manny Hernandez wants to be more than just a penny. He wants to be a vato firme, the kind of guy people respect. But that's not easy when your father is abusive, your brother can't hold a job, and your mother scrubs the house as if she can wash her troubles away.

Rowell, Rainbow. **Carry On**. During his last year at Watford School of Magicks, Simon Snow, the Chosen One, faces a magic-eating monster wearing his face, a breakup, and a missing nemesis.

Schmidt, Gary. **Orbiting Jupiter**. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

Shabazz, Ilysa. **X: A Novel**. Follows the childhood of civil rights leader Malcom X to his imprisonment at age 20, where he found the faith that would lead him to his path toward activism and justice.

Wiles, Deborah. **Revolution**. Struggling to adapt within her newly blended family in 1964 Mississippi, young Sunny witnesses increasingly scary community agitation when activists from the North arrive in town to help register African-Americans to vote.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **After Tupac & D Foster**. In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.

NONFICTION

Conkling, Winifred. **Radioactive! How Irene Curie and Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science and Changed the World** (539.7 CON).

Doeden, Matt. **A Marked Man: The Assassination of Malcolm X** (Bio MAL).

Engle, Margarita. **Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir** (811 ENG).

Manzano, Sonia. **Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx** (Bio MAN).

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound** (781.644 PIN).