

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Larson, Hope. *Mercury*. Josey's decision to hunt for treasure in the woods of Nova Scotia in the 1850s has haunting ramifications for her 21st-century descendant, Tara, who is trying to adjust to high school after being home-schooled.

North, Ryan. *Unbeatable Squirrel Girl*. Wolverine, Deadpool, Doctor Doom, Thanos: there's one hero that's beaten them all! (Not that she's bragging.) She's also starting college this semester, a whole new battle.

Pope, Paul. *Battling Boy*. A young demigod is sent to help the people of Arcopolis, a city infested with monsters.

Prince, Liz. *Tomboy: A Graphic Memoir*. Eschewing female stereotypes throughout her early years and failing to gain acceptance on the boys' baseball team, Liz learns to embrace her own views on gender as she comes of age.

Shen, Prudence. *Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong*. Charlie is the laid-back captain of the basketball team. Nate is the neurotic, scheming president of the robotics club. Their unlikely friendship nearly bites the dust when Nate declares war on the cheerleaders and they retaliate by making Charlie their figurehead in the ugliest class election campaign the school has ever seen.

Wilson, G. Willow. *Ms. Marvel*. Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City—until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts.

Yumi, Kiiro. *Library Wars: Love & War* (series). Iku Kasahara has dreamed of joining the Library Defense Force ever since one of its soldiers stepped in to protect her favorite book from being confiscated in a bookstore when she was younger. But now that she's finally a recruit, she's finding her dream job to be a bit of a nightmare.



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FICTION

Amateau, Gigi. *Come August, Come Freedom: The Bellows, the Gallows, and the Black General Gabriel*. This work imagines the childhood and youth of "Prosser's Gabriel," a courageous and intelligent blacksmith in post-Revolutionary Richmond, Virginia, who roused thousands of African-Americans slaves like himself to rebel.

Berry, Julie. *All the Truth That's in Me*. Judith can't speak. But when her close-knit community of Roswell Station is attacked by enemies, Judith is forced to choose: continue to live in silence, or recover her voice.

Chibbaro, Julie. *Into the Dangerous World*. Living in an art commune that her father burns down, Ror moves to a homeless residence, where she is torn about how she should define herself as an artist.

Colfer, Chris. *Struck by Lightning: The Carson Phillips Journal*. Carson blackmails his fellow senior classmates into contributing to a literary magazine he is publishing.

Gantos, Jack. *The Trouble in Me*. Fourteen-year-old Jack falls under the spell of a delinquent Florida neighbor and gets in way more trouble than he bargained for.

Garcia, Cristina. *Dreams of Significant Girls*. In the 1970s, a teenaged Iranian princess, a German-Canadian girl, and a Cuban-Jewish girl from New York City become friends when they spend three summers at a Swiss boarding school.

Hawkins, Rachel. *Rebel Belle*. Seventeen-year-old Harper Price's charmed life is turned upside down when she discovers she's been given magical powers in order to protect her school nemesis.

Higgins, M. G. *I'm Just Me*. Nasreen and Mia, who are Muslim and African-American, respectively, are the targets of bullies and together come up with a plan to fight back against their tormenters.

Johnson, Maureen. *The Madness Underneath*. After her near-fatal run-in with the Jack the Ripper copycat, Rory Devereaux is back in London to help solve a new string of inexplicable deaths plaguing the city.

LaCour, Nina. *You Know Me Well*. Mark and Kate sit next to each other in school but are barely acquainted until they meet at a San Francisco club during Pride Week and connect over each one's forbidden love.

Lake, Nick. *In Darkness*. In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, 15-year-old Shorty, a poor gang member, is trapped in the rubble of a ruined hospital.

Medina, Meg. *Burn Baby Burn*. Nora Lopez is 17 during the summer of 1977, when New York is besieged by arson, a massive blackout, and a serial killer named Son of Sam. Meg Medina transports us to a time when tempers and temperatures ran high to share the story of a young woman who discovers that the greatest dangers are often closer than we like to admit.

Pearsall, Shelley. *The Seventh Most Important Thing*. In 1963, 13-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man, but what he collects might be more important than he suspects.

Quintero, Sofia. *Show and Prove*. Friends spend the summer of 1983 in the South Bronx working a job at a summer camp, chasing girls, and breakdancing.

Reynolds, Jason. *All American Boys*. When 16-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, a classmate witnesses his beating at the hands of a police officer.

Sepetys, Ruta. *Between Shades of Gray*. In 1941, 15-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their home and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death. While she fights

for her life, she vows to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar.

Walton, Leslye. *The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender*. Born with bird wings into a family cursed to be foolish in love, 16-year-old Ava delves into her family's past hoping to understand her unusual nature and learn to fit in.

White, Ellen Emerson. *A Season of Daring Greatly*. Eighteen-year-old Jill Cafferty just made history. Her high school's star pitcher, she is now the first woman drafted by a major league baseball team. Only days after her high school graduation, she'll join the Pittsburgh Pirates' Class A Short Season team...but not everyone is happy to have her there.

Williamson, Lisa. *The Art of Being Normal*. David Piper, always an outsider, forms an unlikely friendship with Leo Denton, who from the first day at his new school wants only to be invisible, but when David's deepest secret gets out, that he wants to be a girl, things get very messy for both of them.

Winters, Cat. *The Cure for Dreaming*. In 1900, 17-year-old Olivia Mead, a suffragist, is hypnotized by the intriguing young Henri Reverie, who is paid by her father to make her more docile and womanly but who, instead, gives her the ability to see people's true natures.

NONFICTION

Greer, Betsy. *Craftivism: The Art of Craft and Activism* (745.5 CRA).

Latta, Sara. *Scared Stiff: Everything You Need to Know About 50 Famous Phobias* (616.852 LAT).

Shakur, Tupac. *The Rose That Grew From Concrete* (811 SHA).

Sheinkin, Steve. *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War*. (959.704 SHE)