

## 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

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.

De La Peña, Matt. *I Will Save You*. Seventeen-year-old Kidd Ellison runs away to work for the summer at a beach campsite.

Durango, Julia. *The Leveler*. Nixy Bauer, a 16-year-old self-made video-game bounty hunter, gets in over her head when she attempts to rescue a game developer's son from a virtual trap.

Emerson, Kevin. *Exile*. Summer Carlson navigates a relationship with the lead singer of the band she manages and decides whether to act on information that could rocket the group to stardom.

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.

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.

Magoon, Kekla. *How It Went Down*. When 16-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white.

Myers, Walter Dean. *Juba!* In the 1840s, African-American teenager William Henry "Juba" Lane works hard to achieve his dream of becoming a professional dancer, but his real break comes when he is invited to perform in England.

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.

Whaley, John Corey. *Noggin*. After dying at age 16, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist.

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

Bradley, Adam. *The Anthology of Rap* (781.649 ANT).

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

Lampert, Nicolas. *A People's Art History of the United States: 250 years of Activist Art and Artists Working in Social Justice Movements* (701.03 LAM).

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).