

The Other Side of the Wall

by **Simon Schwartz**
Illustrated by the author
Graphic Universe, 2015.
ISBN: 9781467758406.

Schwartz's graphic memoir recounts his family's life in communist East Berlin, their escape to the West, and his childhood growing up in West Berlin.

Pashmina

by **Nidhi Chalani**
Illustrated by the author
First Second, 2017.
ISBN: 9781626720886.

Priyanka Das discovers a magical pashmina that connects her to her mother's past and India.

Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas

by **Jim Ottaviani**
Illustrated by **Maris Wicks**
First Second, 2015.
ISBN: 9781250062932.

The stories of three scientists and their groundbreaking work in the field with chimpanzees, gorilla, and orangutans.

Princess Decomposia and Count Spatula

by **Andi Watson**
Illustrated by the author
First Second, 2015.
ISBN: 9781626721494.

The overwhelmed princess of the underworld hires a vampire chef who becomes

a close friend in this sweetly gothic, mildly spooky tale.

Spill Zone

by **Scott Westerfeld**
Illustrated by **Alex Puvilland**
First Second, 2017.
ISBN: 9781596439368.

Addison and her sister Lexa have been on their own since something strange destroyed their city and killed their parents, now selling photos of the odd happenings is both the only way to survive—but will it also be what destroys Addison?

Swing It, Sunny

by **Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm**
Illustrated by the authors
Graphix, 2017.
ISBN: 9780545741729.

In the sequel to *Sunny Side Up*, Sunny faces new challenges in middle school—missing her brother and struggling with changes everywhere. Sunny's positive attitude and a good friend will see her through, because she's determined to stay on top.

Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection.

edited by **Matt Dembicki**
Fulcrum, 2010.
ISBN: 9781555917241.
This collaborative effort by more than 40 writers and artists presents over twenty Native American trickster tales in graphic novel format.

The Witch Boy

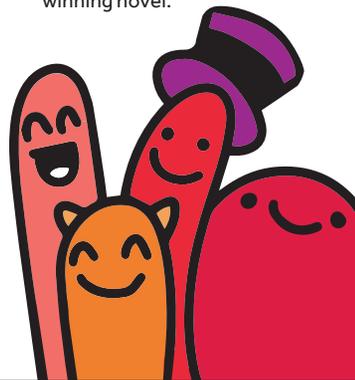
by **Molly K. Ostertag**
Illustrated by the author
Graphix, 2017.
ISBN: 9781338089523.

Aster was born into a magical family where all boys are expected to become shapeshifters, but Aster discovers he has a talent for witchcraft. Could revealing his secret help save a missing boy's life?

A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel

based on the novel by **Madeleine L'Engle**, adapted by **Hope Larson**
Illustrated by **Hope Larson**
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012.
ISBN: 9780374386153.

With the help of some unusual guardians, three children travel across time and space to save their father and our universe in this graphic adaptation of L'Engle's Newbery Medal winning novel.



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GRAPHIC NOVELS

Reading List



GRADES 6-8

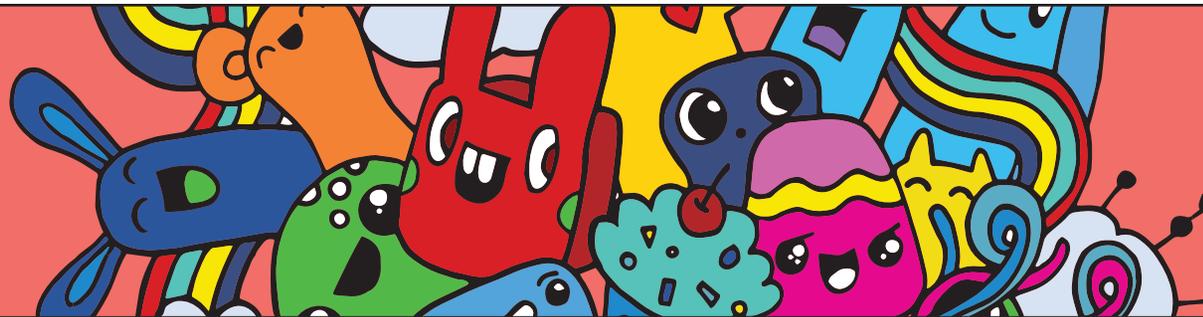
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All's Faire in Middle School
by Victoria Jamieson
Illustrated by the author
Dial, 2017.

ISBN: 9780525429982.

A girl starting middle school after being home schooled by her Renaissance Fair parents learns that being herself comes with challenges.

Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography
by Sid Jacobson
Illustrated by Ernie Colón
Hill and Wang, 2010.

ISBN: 9780809026845.

Drawing on the unique historical sites, archives and expertise of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, this authorized biography is the complete account of the lives of Anne's parents, her first years in Frankfurt, the rise of Nazism, her life in the annex, and her arrest and tragic death in Bergen-Belsen.

Anya's Ghost
by Vera Brosgol
Illustrated by the author
First Second, 2011.

ISBN: 9781596437135.

When Russian-American teenager Anya falls down a well and meets the ghost of a girl who was killed, they become fast friends as Emily helps Anya and Anya vows to solve Emily's murder.

Awkward
by Svetlana Chmakova
Illustrated by the author
Yen Press, 2015.

ISBN: 9780316381307.

Peppi Torres is just trying to survive middle school, but an awkward encounter on the first day, and a heated art versus

science club rivalry, make her reconsider her rules.

Baba Yaga's Assistant
by Marika McCoola
Illustrated by Emily Carroll
Candlewick, 2015.

ISBN: 9780763669614.

Masha relies on her grandmother's stories told to help her complete a series of tasks for Baba Yaga.

Child Soldier When Boys and Girls are Used in War
by Jessica Day Humphreys
and Michel Chikwanine
Illustrated by Claudia Dávila
Kids Can Press 2015.

ISBN: 9781771381260.

The autobiography of Michel Chikwanine, explores his family's life in the Democratic Republic of Congo, his time as a child soldier, his father's activism and Chikwanine's eventual emigration.

Curses: Foiled again!
by Jane Yolen
Illustrated by Mike Cavallaro
First Second, 2013.

ISBN: 9781596436190.

The sequel to Foiled! (2010), Alera Carstairs and Caroline, her wheelchair-bound cousin, must defend the fairy kingdom from the realm of Seelie.

Drama
by Raina Telgemeier
Illustrated by the author
Graphix, 2012.

ISBN: 9780545326995.

Drama abounds on and off stage in this hilarious take on school theater productions.

Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans
by Don Brown
Illustrated by the author

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015.

ISBN: 9780544586178.

Both beautiful and disturbing, Brown captures both the intimate and large-scale disasters and failures that led to the catastrophic destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina.

The Dumbest Idea Ever!
by Jimmy Gownley
Illustrated by the author
Graphix, 2014.

ISBN: 9780545453479.

This graphic memoir recalls a time when Gownley, bedridden by chicken pox and pneumonia, overcomes these and other pre-adolescent challenges by rediscovering his love of writing and drawing comics.

Fantasy Sports
by Sam Bosma
Illustrated by the author
Nobrow Press, 2014.

ISBN: 9781907704802.

A magical heroine and former mentor must defeat a mummy in a game of basketball to win a treasure.

Friends with Boys
by Faith Erin Hicks
Illustrated by the author
First Second, 2012.

ISBN: 9781596435568.

A young homeschooler transitions to high school, along with the mystery of the ghost who has followed her most of her life.

Gaijin: American Prisoner of War
by Matt Faulkner
Illustrated by the author

Disney-Hyperion, 2014.

ISBN: 9781423137351.

Biracial American Koji Miyamoto struggles to stay true to himself during his time as an American prisoner of war in an internment camp during WWII.

A Game for Swallows: To Die, to Leave, to Return
by Zeina Abirached
Illustrated by the author
Graphic Universe, 2012.

ISBN: 9781575059419.

Zeina's parents have not returned from visiting the other half of divided Beirut during the civil war in Lebanon. Zeina gathers with neighbors in the safest place in the apartment, where they play games, talk, and support one another.

The Graveyard Book, Volume 1
by Neil Gaiman and P. Craig Russell
Illustrated by P. Craig Russell
Harper, 2014.

ISBN: 9780062194817.

This graphic adaptation of the Newbery award-winning novel tells the first half of the story about Nobody Owens who is raised in a graveyard by ghosts after his parents are murdered.

Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword
by Barry Deutsch
Illustrated by the author

Amulet, 2010.

ISBN: 9780810984226.

Mirka Herschberg lives in an Orthodox Jewish family and dreams of fighting dragons. A witch appears and issues a challenge, giving Mirka the chance she's always wanted. *First book in the series.*

In Real Life
by Cory Doctorow
Illustrated by Jen Wang
First Second, 2014.

ISBN: 9781596436589.

Anda loves playing her favorite massively multiplayer online game. It's a fun way for her to escape from real life—until she meets another player who is having an entirely different experience. Interesting examination of the murky ethics of MMORPG and the different realities faced by first world vs third world players.

Jane, the Fox and Me
by Fanny Britt
Illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault
Groundwood Books, 2013.

ISBN: 9781554983605.

Helene delves deep in the world of Jane Eyre to escape the cruelty of her everyday life at school, until she meets a friend in an unlikely location.

Ms. Marvel
by G. Willow Wilson
Illustrated by Adrian Alphona
Marvel, 2014.

ISBN: 9780785190219.

Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City who stumbles upon superpowers and becomes the next Ms. Marvel! Is she ready to handle these

huge powers while also staying true to her family, culture, and dreams? *First book in the series.*

Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong
by Prudence Shen
Illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks
First Second, 2013.

ISBN: 9781596436596.

This year's student-body election is pitting nerds against jocks in class warfare! If Charlie wins, the cheerleaders get new uniforms. If Nate wins, the robotics club stays funded.

Nimona
by Noelle Stevenson
Illustrated by the author
HarperTeen, 2015.

ISBN: 9780062278234.

Sassy shapeshifter Nimona is a sidekick to Lord Ballister Blackheart, a not so evil genius. Together they battle Blackheart's nemesis, Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin, the champion of the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics.

This One Summer
by Mariko Tamaki
Illustrated by Jillian Tamaki
First Second, 2014.

ISBN: 97811596437746.

Taking place over the course of a summer, we follow two friends—one who is ready to make the leap to teenagerhood and all the cool and dangerous things that come with it, and the other who would rather hang onto being a kid a little longer.

