

Graphic Novels: Children

Frizzy by Claribel A. Ortega & Rose Bousamra
Marlene has the curliest hair! Everyone wants her to have "presentable", "good" hair. But Marlene doesn't understand why her curls are not considered pretty by those around her.

Gnome and Rat by Lauren Stohler
Best friends Gnome and Rat celebrate Hat Day, learn magic tricks, and find Gnome a new signature hat in their charming forest.

Mexikid by Pedro Martin
Pedro has grown up hearing stories about his abuelito. On a family road trip to bring his grandfather home, Pedro connects with his abuelito and learns what it means to grow up and find his gritto.

Saving Sunshine by Saadia Faruqi & Shazleen Khan
It's hard enough being a kid without being teased for a funny sounding name, wearing a hijab, or fighting with your sibling. When twin sisters find an ailing turtle on a family trip, they learn to work together and set aside their differences.

Squire & Knight by Scott Chantler
Staying behind to catch up on some reading instead of fighting a dragon, Squire soon notices something isn't quite right about his cursed village and seeks to uncover its secrets.

Graphic Novels: Young Adult

Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-The World's Most Dangerous Weapon
by Steve Sheinkin & Nick Bertozzi
In December 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery. When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned three continents.

A First Time for Everything by Dan Santat
Dan's always been a good kid. But being a good kid doesn't stop him from being bullied or feeling invisible. When his parents send him on a class trip to Europe, Dan has very low expectations, but a series of first experiences changes him.

Hungry Ghost by Victoria Yang
After the sudden death of her father, Victoria Chu, who is hiding an eating disorder, reevaluates her life, her choices, and her own body as she tries to find the strength to seek help.

The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich
by Feya Muniz
Lady Camembert wants to live her life on her own terms, but the law of the land is that women can't inherit the throne. So she does the only thing she can when her father passes away, disguises herself as a man to start over as Count Camembert.

Victory: Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice by Tommie Smith, Derrick Barnes & Dawud Anyabwile
A stirring portrait of an iconic moment in Olympic history. Tells the story of Tommie Smith and John Carlos, both medal winners at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics who took a stand to protest racial injustice inflicted upon African Americans.

Young Adult Fiction

The 9:09 Project by Mark Parsons
Jamison finds hope after the loss of his mother, and recognizes the role that family, friends, and even strangers can play in the healing process if you are open and willing to share your experiences with others.

Attack of the Black Rectangles by A.S. King
When Mac discovers several words of his classroom copy of Jane Yolen's *The Devils Arithmetic* are blackened out, he is outraged. So he, his friends, and family set out to do something about the imposed censorship by one teacher and the school board.

Beneath the Wide Silk Sky by Emily Luouye Huey
When Samantha Sakamoto is faced with prejudice and violence in her Washington state community after Pearl Harbor, she is determined to use her photography to document the bigotry around her.

The Isles of the Gods by Amie Kaufman
When Selly's father leaves her in the port of Kirkpool, she has no intention of riding out the winter on land. Boarding what starts out as a leisure cruise, Selly quickly finds herself accused to acts of treason and terror on the high seas, bringing two countries to the brink of war.

It Happened on Saturday by Sydney Dunlap
After Julia becomes a victim of human trafficking, she must find the courage to speak up about her experience or else her friend could end up becoming a victim too.

***Promise Boys** by Nick Brooks
When their principal is murdered, J.B., Ramon, and Trey must follow their prep school's strict rules and band together to track down the real killer before they are arrested for the crime.

Royal Blood by Aimee Carter
As the King of England's illegitimate daughter, Evan Bright knows a thing or two about secrets. But when a fun night turns deadly, Evan discovers long hidden, scandalous secrets that could change the monarchy forever.

Stars & Smoke by Marie Lu
When teenage pop sensation Winter Young is recruited by a covert organization to take down a criminal tycoon, he is paired with Sydney Cossette, a fierce and unpredictable secret agent, posing as his bodyguard. Together they work to capture Eli Morrison through his one weakness--his daughter Penelope.

Stateless by Elizabeth Wein
Stella North competes in the 1937 air race meant to promote peace in Europe. But when one of her competitors is sabotaged, Stella races to find the culprit and their next possible victim.

Threads That Bind by Kira Hatzopoulou
In a world where the children of the gods inherit their powers, Io, a descendant of the Greek Fates, must solve a series of impossible murders to save her sisters, her soulmate, and her city.

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Picture Books

Flat Cat by Tara Lazar & Pete Oswald

Flat Cat likes being flat, until one day when he becomes fluffy and learns to enjoy the attention it brings.

Frank & Bert by Christ Naylor-Ballesteros

Best friends Frank and Bert like to play hide-and-seek. But when Bert isn't so good at hiding, Frank must decide between winning or making Bert happy.

One Chicken Nugget by Tadgh Bentley

Everybody knows monsters love chicken nuggets and Celeste makes the finest nuggets around. But when Frank scares her other customers away, Celeste is forced to cook up an eating contest of monstrous proportions to get rid of him!

Our Pool by Lucy Ruth Cummins

On hot days people come from all over the city to spend the day at the pool. The sun is shining, so what are you waiting for?

Peng's Vase by Angus Yeun-Killick & Paolo Proietti

Once upon a time there was an old Chinese emperor who gave children seeds to grow to see who would bring him the most beautiful flower.

Rick the Rock of Room 214

by Julie Flatko & Ruth Chen

Tired of sitting all day on the nature shelf in room 214, a rock named Rick escapes the classroom for the great outdoors only to discover the greatest adventure in life is friendship.

That's My Sweater by Jessika von Innerebner

When Olivia's mother gives her favorite sweater to her baby brother, Olivia vows to get it back.

Very Good Hats by Emma Straub & Blanca Gomez

Hats can be anything! Acorns and raspberries are snug hats for your fingers. Pajama pants make dangly hats, books can be dramatic hats, and bubbles make very fine hats as well.

Walter Finds His Voice by Ann Kim Ha

Walter, an achingly shy crocodile, hides in the swamp, always out of sight, where he hopes no one will notice him. Until one day a friend is mistreated and he speaks up.

Yetis are the Worst by Alex Willian

Gilbert the Goblin is convinced yetis are not nearly as mysterious as they seem, and sets off to find one to prove that goblins are just as cool and mysterious as the elusive yetis.

Poetry

Animals in Pants by Suzy Levinson and Kevin &

Kathy Howdeshell

Simple, humorous poems feature a variety of animals wearing different kinds of pants.

Counting in Dog Years and Other Sassy Math

Poems by Betsy Franco & Priscilla Tey

From fractions to time measurements to graphs, Numbots guide readers through a surreal playground of calculated delights.

Good Different by Meg Eden Kuyatt

Selah Godfrey knows that to be normal she has to keep her feelings tightly controlled. But after hitting a fellow student, she needs to figure out what makes her different and why that is ok.

We are Branches by Joyce Sidman & Beth Krommes

Branches are all around us: in butterfly wings, on gecko toes, in flowers, frost, and mud. Branches are the share of life. How many can you find?

Zap! Clap! Boom! The Story of a Thunderstorm

by Laura Purdie Salas & Ellie MacKay

What starts as a blue-sky day turns into rolling thunder as a storm brews.

Children's Fiction

Bea and the New Deal Horse by L.M. Elliott

In exchange for farm work, Bea bonds with a seemingly untrainable horse during the Great Depression.

The Curious Vanishing of Beatrice Willoughby

by G.Z. Schmidt

Beatrice Willoughby, age six, vanishes at an All Hallows Eve party. Thirteen years later, guests at another party must work together to identify the guilty party and what really happened to Beatrice.

Finally Seen by Kelly Yang

After five years, Lina leaves China to live with her parents and sister. But when she arrives she must reckon with her hurt, anger, and curiosity and find her way in a new country.

How to Stay Invisible by Maggie C. Rudd

When Raymond and his pup Rosie are abandoned by his family, he uses his wilderness survival skills to survive. As winter comes, he realizes his wits are not enough and thinks it is time to trust others with his secret.

Iceberg by Jennifer Nielsen

Hazel Rothbury stows away on the Titanic at age twelve. Once aboard, she explores the great ship and uncovers a haunting mystery--until the ship hits an iceberg and she must fight to save herself and her friends.

Just Gus by McCall Hoyle

After guardian dog Gus is injured defending his flock of sheep, he is sent to recuperate and heal with a young boy Diego, whom Gus can help by being an emotional support animal.

The Labors of Hercules Beal by Gary Schmidt

Herc Beal knows who he is named after, but he's no superhero. When his homeroom teacher gives him the assignment of duplicating the mythical Hercules' amazing feats, he's skeptical.

The Story of Gumluck the Wizard by Adam Rex

Gumlock, a young naive wizard, does his best to help the local townspeople.

The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman

Oliver and Nathan are determined to figure out Mr. Aidact's fishy behavior and discover he is actually an AI robot from a secret experimental program.

The Unforgettable Logan Foster by Shawn Peters

Logan, an orphan with a photographic memory and no filter, discovers his foster parents are superheroes and in danger. Only Logan's highly logical mind can save them.

Informational

American Murderer: The Parasite that Haunted the South by Gail Jarow

Imagine a microscopic worm entering your body through your feet and staying there for years sucking your blood like a vampire. Sounds like a nightmare, but it really happened.

Astonishing & Extinct Professions: 89 Jobs You Will Never Do by Markus Rottman & Michael Mesiter

Gladiators fought for glory. Ice harvesters chopped up lakes. Rocket women calculated the paths of spaceships. All these jobs really existed. Now they are gone.

Darwin's Super-Pooping Worm Spectacular

by Polly Owen & Gwen Millward

The silly true story of how Darwin discovered the earthworm. Without their life sustaining poop, life would not exist on the earth.

Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider by Jessica Lanan

Discover the vibrant, hidden life of the backyard jumping spider.

Meet the Bears by Kate Peridot & Becca Hall

There are eight species of bear in the world, so which is your teddy? Go on an adventure through mountains, deserts, forests, and rivers to see bears in their natural habitats.

Seen & Unseen: What Dortehea Lange, Toyo Miyatake and Ansel Adams Photographs Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration

by Elizabeth Patridge & Lauren Tamaki

Legendary photographers all photographed the Japanese American incarceration, but with different approaches and different results.

Sisters in Science: Marie Curie, Bronia Dluska and the Atomic Power of Sisterhood by Linda Elovitz

Marshall and Anna & Elena Balbusso

The story of Marie Curie and her sister Bronia, two trailblazing women who made a legendary impact on our world today.

The Story of the Saxophone by Lesa-Cline Ransome & James Ransome

Explore the story of the saxophone, from 1840s Belgium to a New Orleans pawn shop to becoming the iconic symbol it is today.

The Witness Trees by Ryan Van Cleave & Dom Dom

The story of the world's most enduring witnesses: trees.

Wombats are Pretty Weird: A Not So Serious Guide by Abi Cushman

Wombats are elusive, burrowing marsupials. Their teeth never stop growing, they have backwards pouches, and cube-shaped poop. But those are only a few weird things about wombats.