

Graphic Novels

This Was Our Pact

X 740 Andrews, Ryan

On the night of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival, paper lanterns are floated down the river, and legend has it they soar off to the Milky Way. Ben and Nathaniel are determined to find out where they go.

Swim Team

X 740 Christmas, Johnnie

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101.

Goldilocks: Wanted Dead or Alive

X 740 Colfer, Chris

When King Charming and his brothers set out to purge the Dwarf Forests of outlaws and rule it themselves, they must face the most feared outlaw, Goldilocks, and then, their wives.

New Kid

X 740 Craft, Jerry

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons, but instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics.

Freestyle

X 740 Galligan, Gale

While preparing for the last major dance competition before his crew graduates from eighth grade, Cory must balance the expectations of his parents, school, crew, and a new friend as pressure mounts.

Invisible

X 740 Gonzalez, Christina

Five very different students are forced together by their school to complete community service... and they find that they may just have more in common than they thought.

When Stars are Scattered

X 740 Jamieson, Victoria

Omar lives in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for him to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother.

Legend of Auntie Po

X 740 Kho, Shing Yin

As thirteen-year-old Mei works with her father in a Sierra Nevada logging camp in 1885, she reimagines the myths of Paul Bunyan starring a Chinese heroine.

Frizzy

X 740 Ortega, Claribel

Tired of going to the salon to have her curls straightened every weekend, Marlene slowly learns to embrace her natural curly hair with the help of her best friend and favorite aunt.

Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier

X 740 Ottaviani, Jim

This book captures the great humor and incredible drive of Mary Cleave, Valentina Tereshkova, and the first women in space.

Buzzing

X 740 Sattin, Samuel

Everything from studying to looking in the mirror leads to a swarm of unhelpful thoughts for Isaac, who has OCD. When he is invited to join an after school role-playing game, the world seems a bit brighter.

My Aunt is a Monster

X 740 Yee, Reimena

Safia thought that being blind meant she couldn't have adventures. But when she moves in with her aunt, the world's greatest adventurer, she discovers that there are many secrets that she can uncover.

Fantasy

Maya and the Rising Dark

X Barron, Rena

Twelve-year-old Maya discovers her father is a keeper of the gateway between worlds, and when he goes missing, she will need to unlock her own powers to fight off a horde of spooky creatures.

A Tale of Magic

X Colfer, Chris

Brystal risks everything by opposing her kingdom's repression of women, but Madame Weatherberry sees her potential and invites her to a school aimed at changing the world's perception of magic.

The Last Mapmaker

X Soontornvat, Christina

An assistant to a famous mapmaker, twelve-year-old Sai seems to have a glittering future. In reality, her father is a conman, and the truth could ruin her.

Lotería

X Valenti, Karla Arenas

In Oaxaca City, Mexico, ancient friends Life and Death discuss free will while engaged in a game of chance with eleven-year-old Clara as a pawn in their game, moving toward her ultimate fate.

Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor

X Zhao, Xiran Jay

Twelve-year-old Zack is compelled to travel across China, stealing ancient artifacts across the way, in order to seal a portal to prevent malicious spirits from destroying the human realm.



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Great Reads



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Children's Services

Realistic

Iveliz Explains It All

X Arango, Andrea Beatriz

Twelve-year-old Iveliz is trying to manage her mental health, but in the meantime her new friend calls her crazy and her abuela dismisses the therapy and medicine Iveliz needs.

Efrén Divided

X Cisneros, Ernesto

While his father works two jobs, seventh-grader Efrén Nava must take care of his twin siblings after their mother is deported.

Linked

X Korman, Gordon

When swastikas begin appearing all over town, Link, Michael, and Dana, the only Jewish girl in town, must face past and present crimes to find the truth.

Tumble

X Pérez, Celia

Twelve-year-old Adela Ramírez has a decision to make when her stepfather proposes adoption. With a new brother due and a school play on her mind, everything is moving too fast.

Ellen Outside the Lines

X Sass, A.J.

Ellen, an autistic thirteen-year-old, navigates a new city, shifting friendships, a growing crush, and her queer and Jewish identities while on a class trip to Barcelona, Spain.

Pay Attention, Carter Jones

X Schmidt, Gary D.

Sixth-grader Carter must deal with burdens from the past and adjust to the unwelcome presence of a know-it-all butler who is determined to help him become a gentleman.

Fast Pitch

X Stone, Nic

Nothing can stop Shenice from leading her team to the U12 fast-pitch softball regional championship, but life throws some curveballs her way.

Other Words for Home

X Warga, Jasmine

Jude is sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Ohio when their Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence.

Historical

Loyalty

X Avi

Intent on avenging his father who was killed by rebels in the time leading up to the American Revolutionary War, Noah becomes a spy for the British as he tries decide where his loyalty truly lies.

Ground Zero

X Gratz, Alan

Brandon is visiting his dad in the World Trade Center on September 11 when the attack comes. Reshmina is a girl who grew up in Afghanistan in the aftermath but dreams of escaping the restrictive Taliban.

We Dream of Space

X Kelly, Erin Entrada

In 1986, as the country waits expectantly for the launch of the space shuttle "Challenger," three siblings struggle with personal anxieties.

Iceberg

X Nielsen, Jennifer

As disaster looms on the horizon, a young stowaway onboard the Titanic will need all her courage and wits to stay alive.

Becoming Muhammad Ali

X Patterson, James

Cassius Clay, the boy who would one day become one of the greatest boxers of all time, grows up in Kentucky while dealing with family, school, and the racism he faces while discovering the sport he loves.

Prairie Lotus

X Park, Linda Sue

In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, part-Asian Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.

Science Fiction

The Last Cuentista

X Higuera, Donna Barba

Petra's Earth is ending, destroyed by a comet. A few survivors must carry on the human race, journeying to a new planet. But when Petra wakes, she is the only person on the ship who remembers the past.

Dragon Pearl

X Lee, Yoon Ha

Thirteen-year-old Min stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother.

Last Gate of the Emperor

X Mbalia, Kwame

Yared lives on an isolated planet, but when logging in to his favorite game with his real name causes an attack on his city and the disappearance of his uncle, he knows there is something strange going on.

We're Not From Here

X Rodkey, Geoff

Lan's family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom don't like humans. It's up to Lan's family to change the minds of Choom's inhabitants if humans hope to survive.

Mystery/Thriller

Alone

X Freeman, Megan

When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her best friends, she wakes to a nightmare. She's been left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned.

The Strangers

X Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Three siblings are shocked when they discover how strikingly similar they are to information they find about three kidnapped kids.

Show Me a Sign

X LeZotte, Ann Clare

Many people, including Mary, that live on a small island are deaf and nearly everyone communicates by sign language. But when a scientist arrives, everything changes.

Chirp

X Messner, Kate

After moving to Vermont after seventh grade, a young gymnast hides a secret as she makes new friends and investigates her grandmother's claim that someone is trying to destroy the cricket farm.

Tornado Brain

X Patrick, Cat

Seventh-grader Frankie, who has various sensory disorders, is determined to find her missing best friend, Colette, before it is too late.