

Graphic Novels: Children

Duck and Moose: Duck Moves In! by Kirk Reedstrom
Quiet loving Moose finds himself playing host to a gregarious roommate.

Monkey King and the World of Myths: The Monster and the Maze by Maple Lam

As evil transforms humans, beasts, and gods alike into monsters, Monkey King must travel through Greek mythology to defeat the enemy and earn his greatest wish.

Plain Jane and the Mermaid by Vera Brosgol
When her chance at marriage and security is kidnapped by a mermaid, Jane is determined to rescue her maybe-fiancee.

We Are Big Time by Hena Khan and Safiya Zerrougui
Aliya is new to Wisconsin and her Islamic school's girls basketball team. As their new coach guides them to increasing success, the media takes interest.

Wires Crossed by Beth Fantasky and O'Neill Jones
Middle school brings change to Mia's life, including her best science camp buddy, who is now the popular new kid in town. Can they still team up and build a winning robot?

Graphic Novels: Young Adult

Ash's Cabin by Jen Wang
Ash's beloved Grandpa is gone and now they need to escape their constant feeling of alienation and try to be happy alone.

The Girl Who Sang: A Holocaust Memoir of Hope and Survival by Estelle Nadel, Sammy Sauros, and Bethany Strout

Estelle is a happy 7-year-old with a song for every occasion when the Nazi's invade Poland. The trauma steals her voice. Will she regain it before arriving in New York?

How It All Ends by Emma Hunsinger
Thirteen-year-old Tara isn't prepared for being bumped to high school. The one bright spot is Libby, but how will it all turn out?

Lunar New Year Love Story by Gene Luen Yang and Leuyen Pham
Val believes her family is cursed when it comes to love. Can a chance encounter with cute lion dancers change things?

The Mythmakes: The Remarkable Fellowship of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien by John Hendrix
The remarkable story of friendship that changes the world of literature.

Young Adult Fiction

Artifice by Sharon Cameron
Isa de Smit takes revenge on the Nazi's by selling them art forgeries and using the money to fund the rescue of Jewish babies.

As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow* by Zoulfa Katouh
As the Syrian war rages, Salama is desperate to leave her beloved country, especially when her fear manifests itself as a physical being, but will romance hold her back?

Bittersweet in the Hollow* by Kate Pearsall
Four sisters with unusual talents investigate a mysterious disappearance in their secluded Appalachian town.

Bright Red Fruit* by Safia Elhillo
A novel in verse about a teenager's journey into the slam poetry scene and the dangerous new relationship that could threaten all her dreams.

The Brightwood Code by Monica Hesse
Home after her post as a switchboard girl on the front lines of WWI went horribly wrong, Edda is barely hanging on, until she receives a call with a fateful code word.

Come Home Safe by Brian G. Buckmire
Two siblings are accused of crimes they didn't commit.

Dungeons and Drama by Kristy Boyce
To save her school musical, Riley agrees to flirt with Nathan during his roleplaying game if he will cover her work shift.

Sky's End by Marc J Gregson
Plummet into a kill-or-be-killed competition where a scrappy underdog hell-bent on revenge must battle colossal monstrosities and claw his way to the top.

Thieves' Gambit by Kayvion Lewis
A cutthroat competition brings together the world's best thieves and one thief is playing for the highest stakes of all—her mother's life.

What the River Knows by Isabel Ibañez
Inez must rely on ancient magic to uncover the truth about her parents' disappearance—or risk becoming a pawn in a larger game that will kill her.

* For older readers

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Picture Books

Buffalo Fluffalo by Bess Kalb and Erin Kraan
A sweet and silly buffalo tries to fluff himself into being bigger than he really is.

Built to Last by Minh Lê and Dan Santat
Every creation two friends build together ends up tumbling down, except their friendship.

Dog vs. Strawberry by Nelly Buchet and Andrea Zuill
When dog is given a strawberry from the fruit bowl, she decides she is going to race it, and win.

Lucky Duck by Greg Pizzoli
Susan the duck feels unlucky, then she meets a wolf with gifts.

Millie Fleur's Poison Garden by Christy Mandin
Millie plants a garden full of strange and dangerous things.

The Quacken by Justin Colón and Pablo Pino
Hector awakens the Quacken when he breaks the most important rule of summer camp.

The Umbrella by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld
A little girl and her dog find a unique way to spread joy.

Witch and Wombat by Ashley Belote
Wilma wants her own cat but brings home a wombat instead.

The World's Best Class Plant by Audrey Vernick, Liz Garton Scanlon, and Lynnor Bontigao
A class that is terribly disappointed in their lack of a class pet discovers that having a class plant is the best thing ever.

The Yellow Bus by Loren Long
A forgotten bus finds joy and purpose unexpectedly.

Poetry

And Then, Boom! by Lisa Flippis
Joe often has moments when things fall apart, and then, boom, he lands on his feet. But this time is different. He's on his own with a dog, pups, and a tornado on the way. Will he stick the landing?

Mysterious Marvelous Octopus by Paige Towler and Sy Montgomery
Celebrate all things weird and wonderful about the octopus—eight arms, nine brains, and a one-of-a-kind personality.

Poetry Comics by Grant Snider
From the cloud-gazing hours of spring to the lost bicycles of autumn, these poems explore things you never thought poetic.

Skating Wild on an Island Sea by Jean E. Pendziwol and Todd Stewart
An immersive read about two children compelled by a singing lake to strap on skates and step on the ice.

Zilot & Other Important Rhymes by Bob and Erin Odenkirk
Poems written by a father and his two children as they grew, then illustrated by the grown daughter during Covid.

Children's Fiction

Faker by Gordon Korman
Trey comes from a family of liars and grifters but has grown tired of helping run cons. Will this most recent move help his family go straight?

The Firefly Summer by Morgan Matson
Ryanna accepts an invitation to stay at an old summer camp with grandparents she's never met and discovers a mystery.

The Guardian Test by Christina Soontornvat and Kevin Hong
Plum is surprised to be accepted to the prestigious Guardian Academy where kids learn to turn into magical creatures.

Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell and Ashley Mackenzie
Mal and Christopher embark on a wild adventure, racing from island to island in the Archipelago, searching for someone who can explain why magic is fading and why magical creatures are suddenly dying.

Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan
During the Nazi occupation of Paris, Safiyyah's Muslim identity allows her to help her Jewish friends.

Sona and the Golden Beasts by Rajani LaRocca
In a colonized country where music is forbidden for its magic, Sona hears melodies all around, including one that leads her to rescue a wolf pup and begin an epic quest.

The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman by Gennifer Choldenko
Eleven-year-old Hank is left to care for his toddler sister. After a week alone, Hank must reach out for help even if it means exposing family secrets.

The Underdogs of Upson Downs by Craig Silvey
In order to save her family farm, 11-year-old Annie enters her adopted dog into a dog show. If only she can help him overcome stage fright.

The Wrong Way Home by Kate O'Shaughnessy
After her mom sneaks them away from The Ranch, Fern devises a plan to return to their idyllic off-the-grid community, until she makes a shocking discovery.

A Royal Conundrum by Lisa Yee and Dan Santat
Twelve-year-old Olive is sent to a unique reform school where she joins a group of underdogs trained to fight crime.

Informational

Bard and the Book: How the First Folio Saved the Plays of William Shakespeare from Oblivion by Ann Bausum and Marta Sevilla
The unlikely true story of how we know the name Shakespeare today, and the 400-year-old book that made it possible.

Dive! The Story of Breathing Underwater by Chris Gall
Learn why, how, and when humans have dived and discover our biggest questions about what hides in the deepest waters.

Dogs: A History of Our Best Friends by Lita Judge
Of all the animals on the planet, dogs have the widest range of roles in our daily lives—protectors, helpers, lifesavers, and family.

Enigma Girls: How 10 Teenagers Broke Ciphers, Kept Secrets, and Helped Win World War II by Candace Fleming
The powerful true story of the teenage girls who helped turn the tides of World War II.

Great Carrier Reef by Jessica Stremer and Gordy Wright
An outstanding story documenting the transformation of an aircraft carrier into the world's largest artificial reef.

Milkweed for Monarchs by Christine Van Zandt and Alejandra Barajas
Lyrical verse and stunning art describe this butterfly's life cycle.

The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity by Nicholas Day and Brett Helquist
A thriller about how the Mona Lisa was stolen, making it famous—and how it should never have existed at all.

One Day This Tree Will Fall by Leslie Barnard Booth and Stephanie Fizer Coleman
Discover how a tree's wounds and decay bring new life.

Sick! The Twists and Turns Behind Animal Germs by Heather L. Montgomery and Lindsey Leigh
Discover cool ways bodies fight against pathogens, and how we can learn to work together with germs.

Virginia Wouldn't Slow Down! The Unstoppable Dr. Apgar and Her Life-Saving Invention by Carrie A. Pearson and Nancy Carpenter
The story of the doctor who invented the eponymous test for evaluating newborn health that's used worldwide everyday.