

Graphic Novels

Grades K-2

Annable, Annable. **Peter & Ernesto the Lost Sloths**. First Second, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-62672-572-0

Summary: "Peter and Ernesto loved their tree. Then a hurricane came and blew it away! Now, Peter, Ernesto, and the rest of their sloth friends must venture into the jungle to find a new--great--tree. But the jungle is full of dangers, including angry ants, slithering snakes, and a ravenous jaguar! Can cautious Peter and confident Ernesto work together to keep their tribe safe? They'll have to, if they want to find the perfect tree to call home!"--Provided by publisher.

Bell, Cece. **Chick and Brain Smell My Foot**. Candlewick, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-7636-7936-1

Summary: Chick tries to teach Brain manners, especially when Brain asks him to smell his foot, but Brain can't seem to get it. Then Spot comes by and Chick, so caught up in expounding on proper etiquette of please and thank you, does not realize he's in danger. Luckily, Brain figures it out and uses the "smell my foot" ruse to save Chick.--Provided by publisher

Viva, Mark. **A trip to the top of the volcano with Mouse**. Toon Books, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-943145-36-2

Summary: "A boy and a mouse trek to the top of a volcano, taking in soaring trees, lunar landscapes and snow capped peaks, then return to the ancient city at the bottom"--Provided by publisher.

Grades 3-4

Deas, Mike. **Shadow Island**. Orca Books, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-45981-961-0

Summary: With nowhere left to live after losing his parents and working his way through a long list of relatives on the mainland, Ollie finds himself at his grandpa's house in Sueno Bay, "home of the supernatural." Miserable and intending to get away from the earthquake-prone, rain-soaked island on the next bus out of town, Ollie's getaway plans are altered abruptly when he and three classmates discover something they shouldn't have in a trailer in the woods. The four unlikely friends come together in a mystery involving supernatural creatures, a ticking clock and one angry gym teacher to save themselves, the creatures and Sueno Bay from a darkness that is infecting the island.

If they succeed, will Ollie finally find a place to call home?"When thirteen-year-old Moth Hush learns she comes from a long line of witches, she unlocks a hidden witch world, where secrets from generations past unravel and the heart of her town and her family are threatened"--OCLC

Steinkellner, Emma. **The Okay Witch**. Aladdin, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-53443-146-1

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Wang, Jen. **Stargazing**. First Second, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-25018-387-3

Summary: "Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness"--OCLC.

Grades 5-6

Andrew, Ryan. **This Was Our Pact**. First Second, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-25019-695-8

Summary: It's the night of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival, when the town gathers to float paper lanterns down the river. Legend has it that after drifting out of sight, they'll soar off to the Milky Way and turn into brilliant stars, but could

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that actually be true? This year, Ben and his classmates are determined to find out where those lanterns really go, and to ensure success in their mission, they've made a pact with two simple rules: No one turns for home. No one looks back."--Provided by publisher.

Craft, Jerry. **New Kid**. Harper, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-06-269120-0

Summary: "Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. 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, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?"--Provided by publisher.

Hale, Shannon. **Best Friends**. First Second, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-25031-745-2

Summary: Now in sixth grade, young Shannon is a member of 'the Group,' an assortment of popular and pretty girls that most notably includes best friend and group ringleader Jen and unrelenting mean-girl Jenny. However, infighting and treachery proliferate, leaving Shannon feeling frequently off balance as she strives to fit in and suppresses things she enjoys"--Provided by publisher.

Holm, Jennifer and Matthew Holm. **Sunny Rolls the Dice**. Graphix, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-33823-315-5

Summary: "Sunny's just made it to middle school . . . and it's making her life very confusing. All her best friend Deb wants to talk about is fashion, boys, makeup, boys, and being cool. Sunny's not against any of these things, but she also doesn't understand why suddenly everything revolves around them. She's much more comfortable when she's in her basement, playing Dungeons & Dragons with a bunch of new friends. Because when you're sword fighting and spider-slaying, it's hard to worry about whether you look cool or not. Especially when it's your turn to roll the 20-sided die"--Provided by publisher.

Meconis, Dylan. **Queen of the Sea**. Walker Books, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-53620498-8

Summary: When her sister seizes the throne, Queen Eleanor of Albion is banished to a tiny island off the coast of her kingdom, where the nuns of the convent spend their days peacefully praying, sewing, and gardening. But the island is also home to Margaret, a mysterious young orphan girl whose life is upturned when the cold, regal stranger arrives. As Margaret grows closer to Eleanor, she grapples with the revelation of the island's sinister true purpose as well as the truth of her own past. When Eleanor's life is threatened, Margaret is faced with a perilous choice between helping Eleanor and protecting herself--OCLC

Telgemeier, Raina **Guts**. Graphix, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-545-85251-7

Summary: Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one, too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she's dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends, and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships. What's going on?"--Provided by publisher

NONFICTION

Bertagna, Julie. **Wildheart**. Yosemite Conservancy, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-930238-94-7

Summary: A nonfiction graphic work that presents the story of John Muir's adventurous life, from his wild and playful boyhood in Scotland to his legendary exploits in America, where he became an inventor, a global explorer, and the first modern environmentalist"--Back cover.

Gerstein, Mordicai. **I am Hermes! Mischief Making Messenger of the Gods**. Holiday House, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-8234-3942-3

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Summary: A comics-style look at the Greek god Hermes, the troublemaking messenger of the gods. This book is filled with joy, exuberance, and humor. On his first day of life, Hermes manages to trick a turtle into surrendering its shell and a ram into surrendering its horns, thereby inventing the lyre, music, and song! He also manages to steal his brother Apollo's precious cows, but later redeems himself by outwitting the giant brothers Otus and Ephialtes, who have kidnapped Mars. These adventures and more, all derived from classical mythology, are told with great humor as well as a twenty-first century sensibility by the colossally talented Mordicai Gerstein.

Shackleton, Kath. **Survivors of the Holocaust: True Stories of Six Extraordinary Children.** Sourcebooks Explore, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-49268892-1

Summary: Between 1933 and 1945, Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party were responsible for the persecution of millions of Jews across Europe. This extraordinary graphic novel tells the true stories of six Jewish children who survived the Holocaust. From suffering the horrors of Auschwitz, to hiding from Nazi soldiers in war-torn Paris, to sheltering from the Blitz in England, each true story is a powerful testament to the survivors' courage. These remarkable testimonials serve as a reminder never to allow such a tragedy to happen again. Features a current photograph of each contributor and an update about their lives, along with a glossary and timeline to support reader understanding of this period in world history.--From the publisher

Wright, Adrienne. **Hector: A Boy, a Protest, and the Photograph that Changed Apartheid.** Page Street Kids, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-62414-691-6

Summary: On June 16, 1976, Hector Pieterse, an ordinary boy, lost his life after getting caught up in what was supposed to be a peaceful protest. Black South African students were marching against a new law requiring that they be taught half of their subjects in Afrikaans, the language of the White government. The story's events unfold from the perspectives of Hector, his sister, and the photographer who captured their photo in the chaos. This book can serve as a pertinent tool for adults discussing global history and race relations with children. Its graphic novel style and mixed media art portray the vibrancy and grit of Hector's daily life and untimely death. Heartbreaking yet relevant, this powerful story gives voice to an ordinary boy and sheds light on events that helped lead to the end of apartheid"--Provided by publisher.