

# Graphic Novels For Children's and YA Collections

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This bibliography recommends titles for public and school libraries just starting to develop a graphic novel collection.

Among the challenges in building such a collection is the sheer number of titles available, the fact that many individual graphic novels are part of much longer stories told over multiple volumes (think comic books), and that the age-appropriateness of volumes within a single series may shift as the storyline progresses (think *Harry Potter*, or Phyllis Reynolds Naylor's *Alice* books). Child and teen readers are often much savvier than librarians when it comes to knowing what titles are out there, and may already be keen to have volume 12, or even volume 24, in a series that you've only just become aware of, let alone gotten around to figuring out what you can afford to purchase. (Consider collaborating with other public libraries or school libraries in your system to create a solid regional collection)

For the purposes of this bibliography, we have focused on recommending titles for a starter collection. In most cases, we have just listed the first volume in a series. The age recommendation provided is for the specific title listed. The bibliography is divided into three main categories. Books in the **Elementary School-Age and Older** category have a bottom age recommendation of 10 or under. Books in the **Middle-School-Age and Older** category have a bottom age recommendation of 11 to 13. Book in the **High School-Age and Older** category have a bottom age recommendation of 14 and older.

There are many more graphic novel bibliographies and resources available both in print and on-line. See the CCBC's Graphic Novel Resources web page ([www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/graphicnovels.asp](http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/graphicnovels.asp)) for more information.

## Elementary School-Age and Older

Bendis, Brian Michael. *Ultimate Spider-Man, Volume 1: Power and Responsibility*. Marvel Comics, (pbk. 078510898X, \$14.95) Ages 10 and up

Bendis, Brian Michael. *Ultimate Spider-Man, Volume 7: Irresponsible*. Marvel Comics, 2003. (pbk. 0785110925, \$12.95) Ages 10 and up

Busiek, Kurt. *Marvels*. Marvel Comics, 2001. 216 pages (pbk. 0785100490, \$19.95) Ages 9 and up

Cibos, Lindsay. *Peach Fuzz: Volume 1*. TokyoPop, 2005. 160 pages (pbk. 1595325999, \$9.99) Ages 7 and up

CLAMP. *Angelic Layer: Volume 1*. TokyoPop, 2002. 174 pages (pbk. 193151447X, \$9.99) Ages 7 and up

CLAMP. *Card Captor Sakura: Volume 1*. Tokyopop. 184 pages (pbk. 1-892213-36-2, \$9.99) Ages 7 and up

CLAMP. *Clamp School Detectives: Book 1*. TokyoPop, 2003. 192 pages (pbk. 1591822947, \$9.99) Ages 9 and up

CLAMP. *Magic Knight: Rayearth I, Book 1*. TokyoPop, 2003. 192 pages (pbk. 1591820820, \$9.99) Ages 10 and up

Crilley, Mark. *Akiko: Volume 1*. Sirius Entertainment, 2001. 160 pages (pbk. 1579890423, \$15.95) Ages 7 and up

Czekaj, Jef. *Gramp & Julie: Shark Hunters*. Top Shelf Productions, 2004. 128 pages (pbk. 189183052X, \$14.95) Ages 5 and up

Delgado, Ricardo. *Age of Reptiles: Tribal Warfare*. Dark Horse, 1997. 128 pages (pbk. 1569711992) Ages 10 and up

DeFilippis, Nunzio and Christina Weir. *New Mutants: Back to School*. Marvel Comics, 2005. (pbk. 0785112421, \$16.99) Ages 10 and up

DeFilippis, Nunzio. *Once in a Blue Moon*. Oni Press, 2004. 154 pages (pbk. 192999883X, \$11.95) Ages 10 and up

Dezago, Todd. *Tellos: Volume 1*. Image Comics, 2001. 152 pages (pbk. 1582401861, \$17.95) Ages 9 and up

Dini, Paul. *Wonder Woman: Spirit of Truth*. DC Comics, 2001. 64 pages (pbk. 1563898616, \$5.00) Ages 9 and up

Dini, Paul. *Batman: War on Crime*. DC Comics, 1999. 64 pages (pbk. 1563895765, \$9.95) Ages 9 and up

Dini, Paul. *Superman: Peace on Earth*. DC Comics, 1998. 64 pages (pbk. 1563894645, \$9.95) Ages 9 and up

Eisner, Will. *Sundiata: A Legend of Africa*. Nantier Beall Minoustchine Publishing, 2002. (pbk. 1-56163-340-2, \$7.95) Ages 8 and up

Eisner, Will. *The Last Knight*. Nantier Beall Minoustchine Publishing, 2000. (pbk. 1-56163-253-8, \$7.95) Ages 8 and up

Espinosa, Rod. *The Courageous Princess*. Antarctic Press, 2004. 240 pages (pbk. 1932453369, \$15.95) Ages 5 and up

Fisher, Jane Smith. *WJHC: On the Air*. Wilson, 2003. 96 pages (pbk. 0974423505, \$11.95) Ages 9 and up

Fujishima, Kosuke. *Oh My Goddess! 1-555-GODDESS*. Dark Horse Comics, 1996. [152 pages] (pbk. 1569712077, \$13.95) Ages 10 and up

Gaff, Jackie. *Aquaman's Guide to the Oceans*. DK Publishing, 2004. 48 pages (trade 0-7566-0230-0, \$12.99) Ages 5 and up

Gownley, Jimmy. *Amelia Rules! : The Whole World's Crazy*. I Books, 2003. 176 pages (pbk. 0743475038, \$14.95) Ages 7 and up

Gownley, Jimmy. *Amelia Rules! : What Makes You Happy*. I Books, 2004. 168 pages (pbk. 0743479092, \$14.95) Ages 7 and up

Hampton, Bo. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Image, 2004. [64 pages] (pbk. 1582404119, \$7.95) Ages 10 and up

Hosler, Jay. *Clan Apis*. Active Synapse, 2000. 158 pages (pbk. 096772550X, \$15.00) Ages 10 and up

Hosler, Jay. *The Sandwalk Adventures: An Adventure in Evolution Told in Five Chapters*. Active Synapse, 2003. (pbk. 0967725518, \$20.00) Ages 12 and up

Hotta, Yumi. *Hikaru No Go: Volume 1*. VIZ LLC, 2004. (pbk. 159116222X, \$7.95) Ages 7 and up

Irwin, Jane. *Vogelein: Clockwork Faerie*. Fiery Studios, 2005. 168 pages (pbk. 0974311006, \$12.95) Ages 10 and up

Ikumi, Mia. *Tokyo Mew Mew: Book 1*. TokyoPop, 2003. (pbk. 159182236X, \$9.99) Ages 10 and up

Kirkman, Robert. *Invincible, Vol. 1: Family Matters*. Image Comics, 2003. (pbk. 1582403201, \$12.95) Ages 9 and up

Kunkel, Mike. *Herobear and the Kid, Volume 1: The Inheritance*. Astonish Factory, 2003. 230 pages (trade 0972125906, \$49.95) Ages 10 and up

McKeever, Sean. *Sentinel, Volume 1: Salvage*. Marvel Comics, 2004. (pbk. 0-7851-1380-0, \$7.99) Age 10 and up

Miyazaki, Hayao. *Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind, Volume 1*. VIZ LLC, 2004. 136 pages (pbk. 1591164087, \$9.95) Ages 9 and up

Medley, Linda. *Castle Waiting, Volume 1: Lucky Road*. Olio Press, 2002. 184 pages (pbk. 0965185230, \$17.95) Ages 7 and up

Morse, Scott. *Magic Pickle*. Oni Press, 2002. 112 pages (pbk. 1929998333, \$11.95) Ages 7 and up

Naifeh, Ted. *Courtney Crumrin & The Night Things: Volume 1*. Oni Press, 2005. 128 pages (pbk. 1929998600, \$11.95) Ages 9 and up

Nishiyama, Yuriko. *Harlem Beat: Volume 1*. TokyoPop, 1999. 162 pages (pbk. 1892213044, \$9.95) Ages 10 and up

Obana, Miho. *Kodocha: Sana's Stage, Volume 1*. Tokyopop, 2002. 200 pages (pbk. 193151450X, \$9.99) Ages 10 and up

Pini, Wendy. *Elfquest: The Grand Quest, Volume 1*. DC Comics, 2004. 224 pages (pbk. 1401201369, \$9.95) Ages 10 and up

Robbins, Trina. *Go Girl!* Dark Horse, 2002. 88 pages (pbk. 1569717982, \$11.95) Ages 10 and up

Roberts, Scott. *Patty Cake: Sugar & Spice...Mostly Spice*. SLG Publishing, 2001. (pbk. 0943151449, \$13.95) Ages 7 and up

Robinson, James. *Leave It to Chance, Volume 1: Shaman's Rain*. Image Comics, 2002. 112 pages (trade 1582402531, \$14.95) Ages 8 and up

Russell, P. Craig. *The Fairy Tales of Oscar Wilde*. Nantier Beall Minoustchine Publishing, 2004. 32 pages (trade 1-56163-391-7, \$15.95) Ages 10 and up

Sakai, Stan. *Grasscutter (Usagi Yojimbo, Book 12)*. Dark Horse, 1999. 256 pages (pbk. 1569714134, \$16.95) Ages 10 and up

Smith, Ian and Tyson Smith. *Emily and the Intergalactic Lemonade Stand*. SLG Publishing, 2004. 104 pages (pbk. 0943151961, \$12.95) Ages 7 and up

Smith, Jeff. *Bone, Volume 1: Out of Boneville*. Cartoon Books, 1996. 142 pages (pbk. 0963660942, \$12.95) Ages 7 and up

Spiegelman, Art, editor. *Little Lit: It Was a Dark and Silly Night...* Joanna Cotler, 2003. 48 pages (trade 0060286288, \$19.99) Ages 5 and up

Spiegelman, Art, editor. *Little Lit: Folklore & Fairy Tales*. Joanna Cotler, 2000. 64 pages (trade 0060286245, \$19.95) Ages 5 and up

Spiegelman, Art, editor. *Little Lit: Strange Stories for Strange Kids*. Joanna Cotler, 2001. 64 pages (trade, \$19.95) Ages 5 and up

Stamaty, Mark Alan. *Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq*. Knopf, 2004 Ages 5 and up

Takahashi, Kazuki. *Yu-Gi-Oh! Volume 1*. VIZ LLC, 2003. 200 pages (pbk 1569319030, \$7.95) Ages 8 and up

TenNapel, Doug. *Tommysaurus Rex*. Image Comics, 2004. 112 pages (pbk. 1582403953, \$11.95) Ages 9 and up

Tezuka, Osamu. *Astro Boy: Volume 1*. Dark Horse, 2002. 224 pages (pbk 1569716765, \$9.95) Ages 10 and up

Thompson, Jill. *Scary Godmother*. Sirius Entertainment, 2005. 48 pages (pbk. 1579890709, \$9.95) Ages 5 and up

Tolkien, J.R. R. Illustrated by Chuck Dixon. *The Hobbit or There and Back Again*. Eclipse Books, 1989 (pbk. 0913035807, \$4.95) Ages 9 and up

Torres, J. *Alison Dare, Little Miss Adventures*. Oni Press, 2002. 104 pages (pbk. 1929998201, \$8.95) Ages 9 and up

Torres, J. *Sidekicks: Transfer Student*. Oni Press, 2002. 96 pages (pbk. 1929998406, \$8.95) Ages 10 and up

Toriyama, Akira, *Dragonball Z*. or *Dragon Ball Viz*. Viz, LLC, 2003. 146 pages (pbk. 1569319308, \$10.95) Ages 10 and up

Vaughan, Brian K. *Runaways: Pride & Joy*. Marvel Comics, 2003. (pbk. 0785113797, \$7.99) Ages 10 and up

Walker, Landry. *Little Gloomy: Volume 1*. SLG Publishing, 2002. 128 pages (pbk 0943151643, \$12.95) Ages 10 and up

Yang, Gene. *Gordon Yamamoto and the King of the Geeks*. SLG, 2004. 100 pages (pbk. 0943151953, \$9.95) Ages 10 and up

Yang, Gene. *Loyola Chin and the San Peligran Order*. SLG Publishing, 2004. 104 pages (pbk. 1-59362-005-5, \$9.95) Ages 10 and up

Yoshiyuki, Tomino. *Mobile Suit Gundam: Awakening, Escalation, Confrontation*. Stone Bridge Press, 2004. 480 pages (pbk. 1880656868, \$14.95) Ages 10 and up

### **Middle School-Age and Older**

Aragones, Sergio. *Groo and Rufferto*. Dark Horse, 2000. 112 pages (pbk. 1569714479, \$9.95) Ages 12 and up

Bollers, Karl. *Emma Frost, Volume 1: Higher Learning*. Marvel, 2004. (pbk. 0-7851-1434-3, \$7.99) Ages 12 and up

Brennan, Michael. *Electric Girl*. AiT/PlanetLar, 2000. 168 pages (pbk. 0970355505, \$9.95) Ages 12 and up

Busiek, Kurt. *Astro City: Life in the Big City*. DC Comics, 1999. 192 pages (pbk. 156389551X, \$19.95) Ages 13 and up

Chadwick, Paul. *The Complete Concrete: Think Like a Mountain*. Dark Horse, 1994. 320 pages (pbk. 1569710376, \$11.90) Ages 12 and up

Dixon, Chuck. *Birds of Prey*. DC Comics, 1999. 208 pages (pbk. 156389484X, \$17.95) Ages 13 and up

Eisner, Will. *To the Heart of the Storm*. DC Comics, 2000. (pbk. 1-56389-679-6, \$14.95) Ages 13 and up

Gaiman, Neil. *The Books of Magic*. DC Comics, 1993. 196 pages (pbk. 1563890828, \$19.95) Ages 12 and up

Gonick, Larry and Art Huffman. *The Cartoon Guide to Physics*. HarperCollins Publishers, 1990. 212 pages (pbk. 0-06-463618-6, \$16.95) Ages 12 and up

Gonick, Larry and Mark Wheels. *The Cartoon Guide to Genetics*. HarperCollins, 1991. 216 pages (pbk. 0-06-273099-1, \$16.95) Ages 12 and up

Gonick, Larry. *The Cartoon History of the Universe, Volumes 1 – 7: From the Big Bang to Alexander the Great*. Broadway Books: Random House, 2001. 360 pages (pbk. 0-385-26520-4, \$21.95) Ages 12 and up

Gonick, Larry. *The Cartoon History of the Universe II, Volumes 8 – 13: From the Springtime of China to the Fall of Rome*. Broadway Books: Random House, 2001. 308 pages (pbk. 0-385-42093-5, \$21.95) Ages 12 and up

Gonick, Larry. *The Cartoon History of the Universe III: From the Rise of Arabia to the Renaissance*. W.W. Norton, 2002. 312 pages (pbk. 0-393-32403-6, \$21.95) Ages 12 and up

Kishimoto, Masashi. *Naruto, Volume 1: The Tests of the Ninja*. VIZ LLC, 2003. 192 pages (pbk. 1569319006, \$7.95) Ages 11 and up

Kiyama, Henry (Yoshitaka). *The Four Immigrants Manga: A Japanese Experience in San Francisco, 1904 – 1924*. Translated by Frederik L. Schodt. Stone Bridge Press, 1999. 152 pages (pbk. 1-880656-33-7, \$14.95) Ages 12 and up

Land, Dave (ed). *Star Wars Tales*, vol 1. Dark Horse Comics, 2002. 220 pages (pbk. 1569716196, \$19.95) Ages 11 and up

McKeever, Sean. *Mary Jane*. Marvel Comics, 2004. 96 pages (pbk 078511467X 5.99) Ages 12 and up

Miyazaki, Hayao. *Spirited Away: Volume 1*. VIZ LLC, 2002. 172 pages (pbk. 1569317917, \$9.95) Ages 11 and up

Miller, Frank. *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns*. DC Comics, 1997. 224 pages (pbk. 1563893428, \$14.95) Ages 12 and up

Morice, Dave. *Poetry Comics: An Animated Anthology*. T&W Books, 2002. 117 pages (pbk. 0915924870, \$16.95) Ages 12 and up

Ottaviani, Jim. *Dignifying Science: Stories About Women Scientists*. G.T. Labs, 2003. (pbk. 0-9660106-4-7, \$16.95) Ages 12 and up

Ottaviani, Jim. *Two-Fisted Science*. G.T. Labs, 2001. 126 pages (pbk. 0-9660106-2-0, \$12.95) Ages 12 and up

Priest, Christopher. *Black Panther*. vol 1. Marvel Comics, 2001. 128 pages (pbk. 0785107894, \$14.95) Ages 13 and up

Saijyo, Shinji. *Iron Wok Jan!* ComicsOne, 2004. 200 pages (pbk. 1588990001, \$9.95) Ages 12 and up

Saito, Chiho. *Revolutionary Girl Utena: To Plant*. VIZ LLC, 2002. 200 pages (pbk 1591160308, \$15.95) Ages 12 and up

Shigeno, Shuichi. *Initial D: Book 1*. TokyoPop, 2002. 224 pages (pbk 1931514984, \$9.99) Ages 13 and up

Takaya, Natsuki. *Fruits Basket, Volume 1*. TokyoPop, 2004. 200 pages (pbk. 1591826039, \$9.99) Ages 12 and up

Tezuka, *Phoenix: A Tale of the Future*. Vis Communications, 2002. 298 pages (pbk. 159116026X, \$22.95) Ages 12 and up

Tsuda, Masami. *Kare Kano: His and Her Circumstances, Volume 1*. TokyoPop, 2003. 192 pages (pbk. 1931514798, \$9.99) Ages 12 and up

Ueda, Miwa. *Peach Girl, Volume 1: Change of Heart*. TokyoPop, 2003. 166 pages (pbk. 1931514194, \$9.99) Ages 12 and up

Valentino, Serena. *Nightmares and Fairy Tales*. SLG, 2004. 160 pages (pbk. 0943151872, \$14.95) Ages 13 and up

Watase, Yu. *Fushigi Yugi, Volume 1: Priestess*. VIZ LLC, 2003. 200 pages (pbk. 156931957X, \$9.95) Ages 12 and up

Whedon, Joss. *Astonishing X-Men vol 1: Gifted*. Marvel Comics, 2004. 152 pages (pbk 0785115315, 14.99) Ages 12 and up

Winick, Judd. *Green Arrow: Straight Shooter*. DC Comics, 2004. 144 pages (pbk 1401202004, \$12.95) Ages 13 and up

Yoshizumi, Wataru. *Marmalade Boy #1*. TokyoPop, 2002. (pbk. 1931514542, \$9.99) Ages 12 and up

### **High School-Age and Older**

9-11 *Artists Respond* Chaos Comics/Dark Horse, 2002. 191 pages (pbk. 1563898810, \$9.95) Ages 14 and up

Akamatsu, Ken. *Love Hina: Book 1*. TokyoPop, 2002. 198 pages (pbk 1931514941, \$9.99) Ages 15 and up

Eisner, Will. *A Contract with God and Other Tenement Stories*. DC Comics, 2000. (pbk. 1-56389-674-5, \$12.95) Ages 14 and up

Eisner, Will. *Fagin the Jew*. Doubleday, 2003. (pbk. 0-385-51009-8, \$15.95) Ages 14 and up

Eisner, Will. *Last Day in Vietnam: A Memory*. Dark Horse Comics, 2000. (pbk. 1-56971-437-1, \$10.95) Ages 14 and up

Koike, Kazuo. *Lone Wolf and Cub 1: The Assassin's Road*. Dark Horse Comics, 2000. 296 pages (pbk. 1569715025, \$9.95) Ages 16 and up

Kubert, Joe. *Fax from Sarajevo*. Dark Horse Comics, 1998. 224 pages (pbk. 1569713464, \$16.95) Age 14 and up



Kubert, Joe. *Yossel: April 19, 1943*. I Books, 2003. 128 pages (trade 074347516X, \$24.95) Ages 14 and up

Mairowitz, David Zane and Robert Crumb. *Introducing Kafka*. Totem Books, 2000. 176 pages (pbk. 1840461225, \$11.95) Ages 14 and up

Morales, Robert. *Truth: Red, White & Black*. Marvel Comics, 2004. (pbk. 0785110720, \$17.99) Ages 15 and up

Moore, Alan. *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: Volume 1*. DC Comics, 2002. 192 pages (pbk 1563898586, \$14.95) Ages 15 and up

Nakazawa, Keiji. *Barefoot Gen, Volume 1: A Cartoon Story of Hiroshima*. Last Gasp, 2004. 288 pages (pbk 0867196025, \$14.95) Ages 15 and up

Otomo, Katsuhiro. *Akira*. Dark Horse Comics, 2000. 359 pages (pbk.1569714983, \$24.95) Ages 14 and up

Ottaviani, Jim and Leland Purvis. *Suspended in Language: Niels Bohr's Life, Discoveries, and the Century He Shaped*. G.T. Labs, 2004. 318 pages (pbk. 0-9660106-5-5, \$24.95) Ages 14 and up

Ottaviani, Jim. *Fallout*. G.T. Labs, 2001. 240 pages (pbk 0966010639, \$19.95) Ages 14 and up

Rall, Ted. *To Afghanistan and Back*. Nantier Beall Minoustchine Publishing, 2002. 127 pages (pbk. 1-56163-359-3, \$9.95) Ages 16 and up

Sacco, Joe. *The Fixer: A Story from Sarajevo*. Drawn & Quarterly Publishers, 2003. 140 pages (trade 1896597602, \$24.95) Ages 15 and up

Sacco, Joe. *Palestine*. Fantagraphics Books, 2002. 288 pages (pbk 156097432X, \$24.95) Ages 15 and up

Sacco, Joe. *Safe Area Gorazde*. Fantagraphics Books, 2000. 240 pages (trade 1560973927, \$28.95) Ages 15 and up

Shanower, Eric. *Age of Bronze, Volume 1: A Thousand Ships*. Image Comics, 2001. 208 pages (pbk. 1582402000, \$19.95) Ages 14 and up

Shanower, Eric. *Age of Bronze, Volume 2: Sacrifice*. Image Comics, 2004. 224 pages (trade 1582403600, \$29.95) Ages 14 and up

.Spiegelman, Art. *Maus A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History*. Pantheon, 1986. 160 pages (pbk. 0394747232, \$14.00) Ages 14 and up

Spiegelman, Art. *Maus II A Survivor's Tale: And Here My Troubles Began*. Pantheon, 1992. 144 pages (pbk. 0679729771, \$14.00) Ages 14 and up

Spiegelman, Art. *In the Shadow of No Towers*. Pantheon, 2004. 42 pages (trade 0375423079, \$19.95) Ages 14 and up

Sturm, James. *The Golem's Mighty Swing*. Drawn and Quarterly, 2002. 100 pages (pbk. 1-896597-45-9, \$16.95) Ages 15 and up

Takahashi, Rumiko. *Inu-Yasha, Volume 1*. VIZ LLC, 2003. 192 pages (pbk 1569319472, \$8.95) Ages 14 and up

Takahashi, Rumiko. *Ranma 1/2, Volume 1*. VIZ LLC, 2003. 304 pages (pbk. 1569319626, \$9.95) Ages 15 and up

Talbot, Bryan. *The Tale of One Bad Rat*. Dark Horse, 1995. 136 pages (pbk. 1569710775, \$14.95) Ages 15 and up

Tezuka, Osamu. *Adolf: A Tale of the Twentieth Century*. VIZ LLC, 1996. 264 pages (pbk. 1569310580, \$16.95) Ages 15 and up

Tezuka, Osamu. *Buddha, Volume 1: Kapilavastu*. Vertical, 2003. 400 pages (trade 1932234438, \$24.95) Ages 16 and up

Yasuhiko, Yoshikazu. *Joan*. Comics One, 2001. 180 pages (pbk. 1-58899-090-7, \$14.95) Ages 14 and up

Watsuki, Nobuhiro. *Rurouni Kenshin*. VIZ LLC, 2003. 208 pages (pbk 1591162203, \$7.95)

Kamio, Yoko. *Boys Over Flowers (Hana Yori Dango): Volume 1*. VIZ LLC, 2003. 208 pages (pbk 1569319960, \$9.95)

Satrapa, Marjane. *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood*. Pantheon, 2003. 160 pages (trade 0375422307, \$17.95)