

Graphic Novels: Resources

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Reviews in Journals

Booklist: "YA Talk: Graphic Novels" by Francisca Goldsmith

KLIATT: reviews appear in "Paperback Fiction"

Knowledge Quest (American Association of School Librarians): reviews by Philip Crawford

Library Journal

Publishers Weekly: reviews under "comics" six times a year (all ages)

School Library Journal: "Graphic Novel Roundup" by Steve Weiner
(the September 2004 issue has a great insert devoted to GN's)

Teacher-Librarian: reviews by Michele Gorman

VOYA: "Graphically Speaking" reviews by Kat Kan

Websites for Reviews

Comic Books for Young Adults: A Guide for Librarians (Michael Lavin): reviews, rationale, links and more
<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/lml/comics/pages/>

The Comics Get Serious: Graphic Novel Reviews (D. Aviva Rothschild): currently on hiatus but has older reviews
<http://www.rationalmagic.com/Comics/Comics.html>

No Flying, No Tights (Robin Brenner): information about and reviews of graphic novels for children, teens and adults as well as lots of related information, lists, and more. A great starter site.
<http://www.noflyingnotights.com/index.html>

Librarian's Guide to Anime and Manga (Gilles Poitras): an entrée into the world of Japanese comics and animated films, including definitions, lists and links
<http://www.koyagi.com/Libguide.html>

Recommended Graphic Novels for Public Libraries (Steve Raiteri): reviews 2002 and 2003; suggested starter list
<http://my.voyager.net/sraiteri/graphicnovels.htm>

Recommended Books for Choosing, Using and Understanding GNs

Bang, Molly. *Picture This: How Pictures Work*. SeaStar Books, 2000.

Crawford, Philip Charles. *Graphic Novels 101: Selecting and Using Graphic Novels to Promote Literacy for Children and Young Adults: A Resource Guide for School Librarians and Educators*. Hi Willow, 2003.

Eisner, Will. *Comics and Sequential Art*. Poorhouse Press, 1985.

Eisner, Will. *Graphic Storytelling*. Poorhouse Press, 1996.

Gorman, Michele. *Getting Graphic: Using Graphic Novels to Promote Literacy with Teens and Preteens*. Linwood. 2004.

Klock, Geoff. *How to Read Superhero Comics and Why*. Continuum, 2002.

Lyga, Allyson and Barry Lyga. *Graphic Novels in Your Media Center: A Definitive Guide*. Libraries Unlimited, 2004.

McCloud, Scott. *Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art*. Kitchen Sink Press, 1994.

Miller, Steve. *Developing and Promoting Graphic Novel Collection*. Neal-Shuman, 2005 .

Olsen, Steven P. *The Library of Graphic Novelists: Neil Gaiman*. Rosen Publishing Group, 2005. (and others in series)

Rothschild, D. Avila. *Graphic Novels: A Bibliographic Guide to Booklength Comics*. Libraries Unlimited, 1995.

Sabin, Roger. *Comics: Comix & Graphic Novels* . Phaidon, 1996.

Varnum, Robin and Christina T. Gibbons. *The Language of Comics*. University of Mississippi Press, 2002.

Weiner. Stephen. *101 Best Graphic Novels*. NB Publishing, Inc., 2003.

Weiner. Stephen. *The Rise of the Graphic Novel: Faster Than a Speeding Bullet*. Nantier Beall Minoustchineg, 2004.

Recommended Listserv

GNLIB: Graphic Novels in Libraries: "Hundreds of Librarians Can't Be Wrong" is the tag line of this listserv that provides the opportunity to discuss graphic novels and the whys and wherefores of graphic novel collections in libraries. The site allows non-members access to the archives. There is also a useful links page.

<http://www.angelfire.com/comics/gnlib/>

Library Vendors

Baker and Taylor: specific GN catalog is called "Imagery"

<http://www.btol.com/pdfs/imagery.pdf>

Brodart: site includes core lists and selection criteria

<http://www.graphicnovels.brodart.com/>

BWI: site requires you to register (free) before accessing their public library resources

<http://www.bwibooks.com/>

Diamond Bookshelf: site includes reviews; they are also encouraging the submission of lesson plans for graphic novels

<http://bookshelf.diamondcomics.com>

Publishers

Archie (www.archiecomics.com) Fantagraphics (www.fantagraphics.com) Shonen Jump (www.shonenjump.com)
Dark Horse (www.dhorse.com) Image Comics (www.imagecomics.com) SLG (<http://www.slavelabor.com/>)
DC Comics (www.dccomics.com) Marvel (www.marvelcomics.com) Tokyopop (www.tokyopop.com)
Del Ray Manga (<http://www.randomhouse.com/delrey/>) Oni Press (www.onipress.com) Viz Comics (www.viz.com)

Other Resources of Interest

Manga Glossary: definitions of terms used in manga, and when talking about manga (Japanese comics)
<http://www.theblackmoon.com/Gloss/agloss.html>

Sequential Tart: web zine about the comics industry aimed at drawing attention to the work of women who create comics; includes original interviews, articles and more
<http://www.sequentialtart.com/>

What Parents, Teens, Teachers and Librarians Want to Know about Graphic Novels: offers information for each audience (parents, teens, teachers/librarians) along with faqs, recommended titles, and links; created by a Canadian teacher-librarian
<http://www.informationgoddess.ca/Comics&GraphicNovels/index.htm>

Women in Refrigerators: offers a critical look at the fate of women character in comics and GNs; for older teen and adult fans rather than novices
<http://www.the-pantheon.net/wir/index.html>

Museum of Black Superheroes: superb look at the history of Black superheroes; includes an online gallery and exhibit, articles and more
<http://www.blacksuperhero.com/>

Comics Worth Reading: "Entertaining, insightful, and above all honest" reviews of all genres of comic books by "an excellent writer and a shrewd judge of what's good and bad in comics today"
<http://www.comicsworthreading.com/>

ImageText: online journal of interdisciplinary comics studies at the University of Florida
<http://www.english.ufl.edu/imagetext/about.html>

Secret Origin of Good Readers: a resource book for comics lesson plans in PDF format
<http://www.night-flight.com/secretorigin/>

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