

# DRAWN TO READING

A Simon & Schuster Guide To Using Graphic Novels in the Classroom

## Why Graphic Novels Belong in Classrooms and Libraries

Graphic novels offer fast-paced action, conflict, and heroic endeavors—all things young readers embrace.

Children learn in different ways; visual learners are able to connect with graphic novels in a way that they cannot with text-only books.

Graphic novels require readers to be active participants in the reading process, using their imaginations to fill in the blanks between panels.

Graphic novels help young readers develop strong language arts skills, including reading comprehension and vocabulary development.

Graphic novels contribute to literacy by ensuring that kids continue to read for fun outside of the classroom.

Graphic novels often address important developmental assets like being true to yourself, the power of imagination, and teamwork. They also address current, relevant social issues for young readers like divorce, bullying, and confronting monsters in the closet.

Graphic novels provide a perfect bridge for young readers transitioning from picture books to text-only books.

Graphic novels often stimulate young readers to branch out and explore other genres of literature including fantasy, science fiction, and realistic fiction as well as nonfiction and myths and legends.

Graphic novels are good for English as a Second Language students and students who read below grade level because the simple sentences and visual clues allow readers to comprehend some, if not all, of the story.

## Using Graphic Novels to Enrich Your Students' Learning Experience

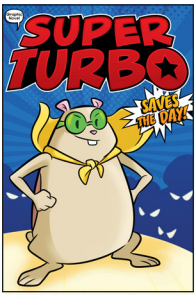
The traditional definition of literacy is the ability to read and comprehend. As we move into a more visual world, the definition of literacy continues to change and evolve. The new definition of literacy is to be able to read, to listen, and to view, and then to comprehend. With regard to reading and comprehending graphic novels, there are two types of literacy to take into consideration: visual literacy and critical literacy.

Visual literacy is defined as the ability to view and then interpret, or make meaning, from what you are viewing. To be visually literate, a person must be able to process both words and pictures, or “read” images by decoding and comprehending meaning from pictures and words together. Critical literacy is the role of the reader when it comes to the transaction between the reader and the text. To be critically literate, a reader must be an active consumer of the story. This is more than just sitting down and reading a book full of words. Critical literacy is about having an actual interaction with the text and therefore being actively engaged in the reading process. Young readers who are active consumers of the story are more likely to be actively engaged.

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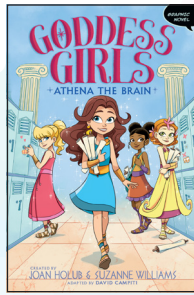
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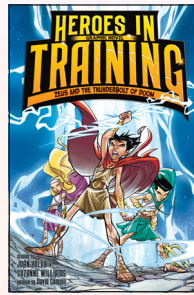
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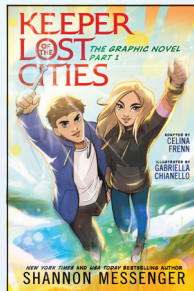
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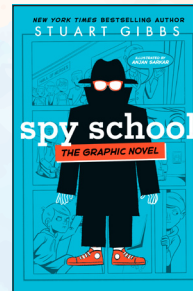
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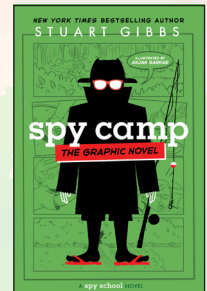
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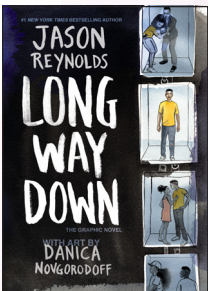


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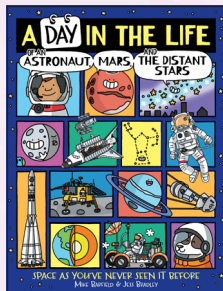
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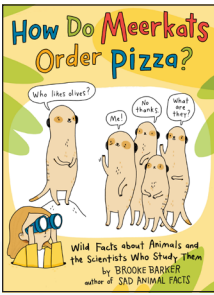
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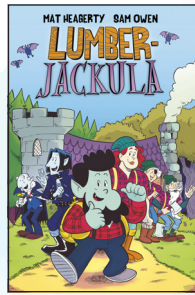


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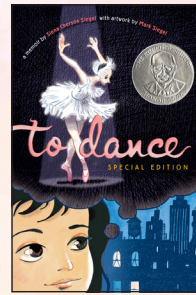
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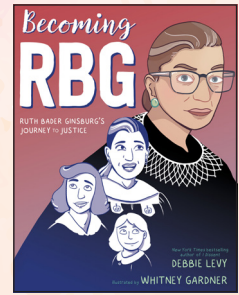
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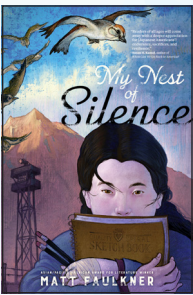
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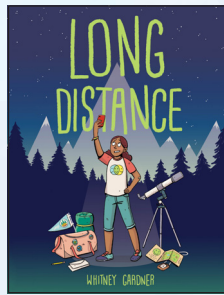
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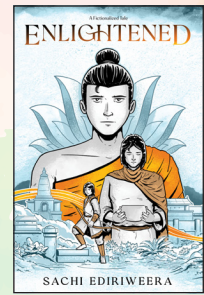
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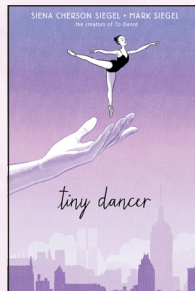
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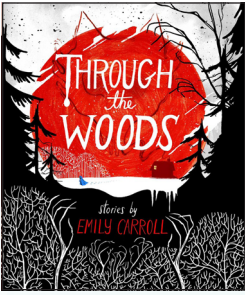
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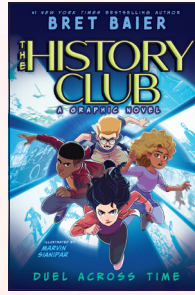
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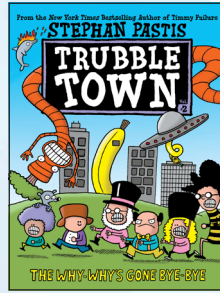
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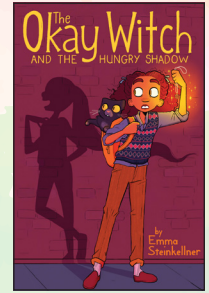
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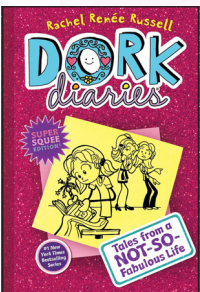
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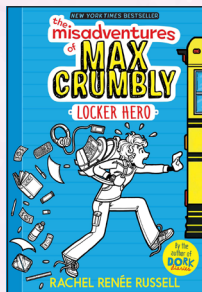
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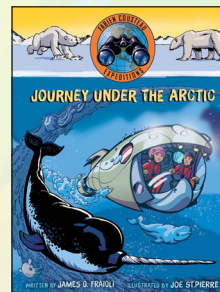
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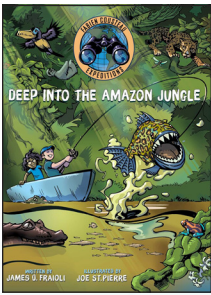
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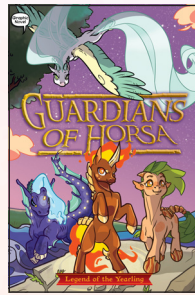
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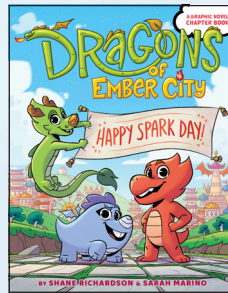
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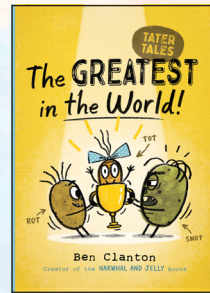
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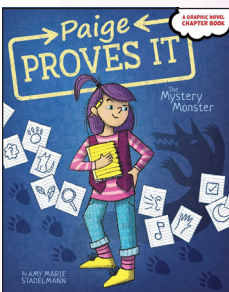
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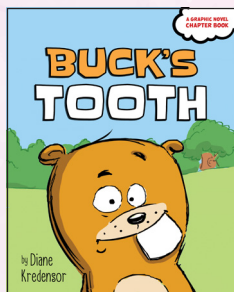
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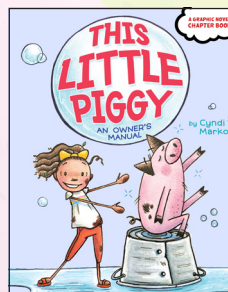
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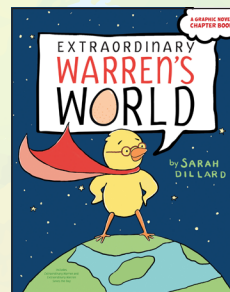
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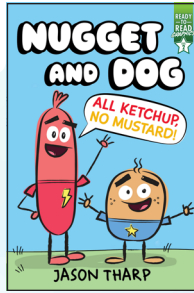
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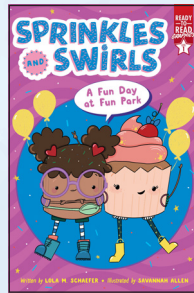
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