

# A SIMON & SCHUSTER GUIDE TO USING GRAPHIC NOVELS IN THE CLASSROOM: Using Graphic Novels to Enrich Your Students' Learning Experience



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## 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.

# Definition of a Graphic Novel:

Traditionally, the term “comic book” has been used to describe any book created in a comic style format. Today, the term is used specifically to describe a staple-bound, serialized, thirty-two-page pamphlet or periodical. The term “graphic novel” has been around for decades, but in the last ten years it has been adopted by mainstream media as more of a catch-all phrase for full-length stories written and illustrated in a comic book style or format. This format generally utilizes panels, or framed illustrations, and speech balloons. A graphic novel can be an original, self-contained story or it can be a collection of previously published comic books that together tell one story.



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Grades 4–8 • Ages 9–13



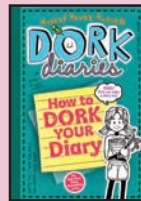
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## DORK DIARIES COLLECTIONS



**#13 Tales from a Not-So-Happy Birthday**  
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 EB: 9781534426429  
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 UAB CD: 9781508254140  
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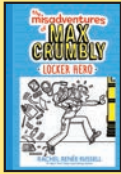


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 Dork Diaries 6  
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### The Misadventures of Max Crumbly #1 Locker Hero

By Rachel Renée Russell  
Grades 4–8 • Ages 9–13  
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UAB CD: 9781442393806  
UAB EA: 9781442393813  
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### The Misadventures of Max Crumbly #2 Middle School Mayhem

By Rachel Renée Russell  
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### The Misadventures of Max Crumbly #3 Masters of Mischief

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From #1 bestselling Dork Diaries author Rachel Renée Russell comes a new series starring Max Crumbly!

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If only Max could be like the hero in all the comics he likes to read or the ones he draws and magically escape the locker and defeat Tommy.

## More Graphic Picture Books/Novels



### Kapow!

Written and illustrated by George O'Connor  
Grade P–3 • Ages 4–8  
TP: 9781416968474  
Aladdin



### To Dance

Written by Siena Cherson Siegel  
Illustrated by Mark Siegel  
Grade 3–9 • Ages 8–14  
HC: 9781481486637  
TP: 9781481486644  
EB: 9781481486651  
Atheneum

#### Awards and Nominations:

ALA Notable Children's Books  
ALA Robert F. Sibert Award Honor Book  
Beehive Award Master List (UT)  
Garden State Children's Book Award Nominee (NJ)  
Garden State Teen Book Award Nominee (NJ)  
IRA/CBC Children's Choices  
Keystone to Reading Book Award Master List (PA)  
NCTE Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts  
School Library Journal Best Books of the Year



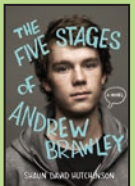
### The Awesome, Almost 100% True Adventures of Matt & Craz

Written and illustrated by Alan Silberberg  
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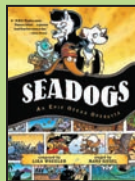
### Zebrafish: SPF 40

Written by FableVision  
Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds  
Grades: 5–9 • Ages: 10–14  
HC: 9781416997085  
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EB: 9781442450349  
Atheneum  
Lexile © GN470L



### The Five Stages of Andrew Brawley

Written by Shaun David Hutchinson  
Illustrated by Christine Larsen  
Grades: 7 and up • Ages: 14 and up  
HC: 9781481403108  
TP: 9781481403115  
EB: 9781481403122  
Simon Pulse  
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### Seadogs: An Epic Ocean Operetta

Written by Lisa Wheeler  
Illustrated by Mark Siegel  
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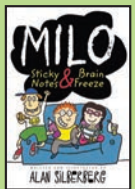
#### Awards and Nominations:

CCBC Choices (Cooperative Children's Book Council)  
NYPL 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing  
Texas Bluebonnet Award



### Peanuts: Meet the Peanuts Gang!

Written and illustrated by Charles M. Schulz  
Grades 1 and up • Ages 6 and up  
TP: 9781481437219  
EB: 9781481437226  
Simon Spotlight



### Milo

Written and illustrated by Alan Silberberg  
Grades: 4–8 • Ages: 9–13  
HC: 9781416994305  
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EB: 9781442409422  
Aladdin

#### Awards and Nominations:

Cybil Award Finalist  
Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award Master List (VT)  
NYPL "100 Titles for Reading and Sharing"



### Draw the Line

Written and illustrated by Laurent Linn  
Grades: 7 and up • Ages: 12 and up  
HC: 9781481452809  
TP: 9781481452816  
EB: 9781481452823  
Margaret K. McElderry Books  
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### Through the Woods

Written and illustrated by Emily Carroll  
Grades: 9 and up • Ages: 14 and up  
HC: 9781442465954  
TP: 9781442465961  
EB: 9781442465978  
Margaret K. McElderry Books  
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### Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf

Written by Jennifer L. Holm  
Illustrated by Elicia Castaldi  
Grade 3–7 • Ages 8–12  
POB: 9780689852817  
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EB: 9781442436701  
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#### Awards and Nominations:

ALA Notable Children's Books  
Beehive Award Master List (UT)  
Charlotte Award Ballot (NY)  
Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award Master List (VT)  
NAPPA Gold Award Winner  
NYPL 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing  
South Carolina Book Award Nominee  
West Virginia Children's Book Award Master List



### T-Minus

Written by Jim Ottaviani  
Illustrated by Kevin Cannon and Zander Cannon  
Grades: 3–7 • Ages: 8–12  
TP: 9781416949602  
Aladdin  
ALA Best Graphic Novel for Teens  
NYTBR Editors Choice



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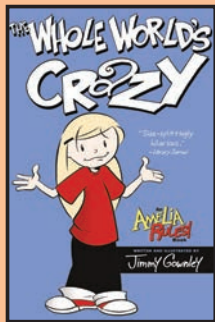
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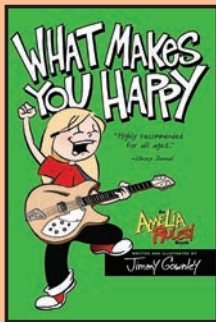
### Camilla d'Errico's Burn

Written and illustrated by Camilla d'Errico  
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**The AMELIA RULES! SERIES**  
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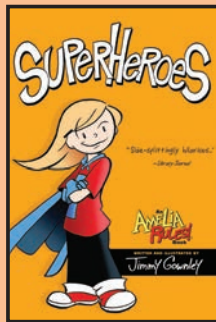
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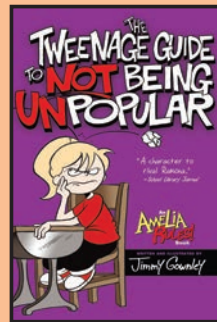
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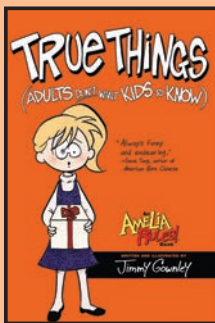
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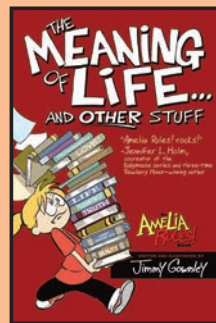
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**Awards and Nominations:**  
 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award



**Her Permanent Record**  
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 ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens  
 Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book



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**Awards and Nominations:**  
 ALA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Nominee



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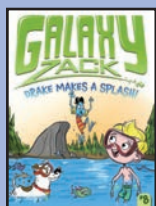
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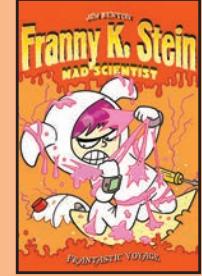
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**Buck's Tooth**  
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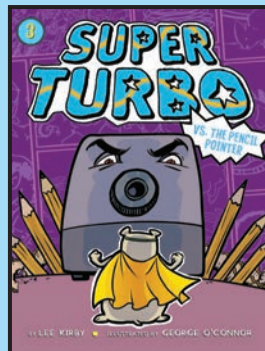
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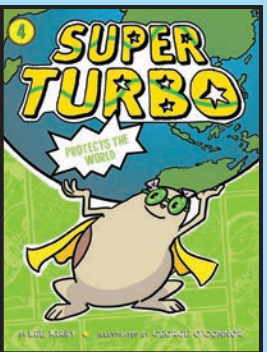
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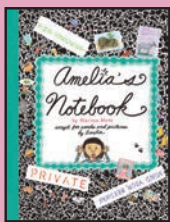
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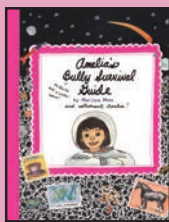
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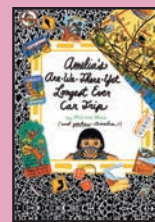
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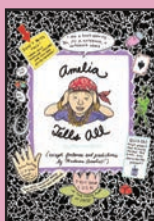
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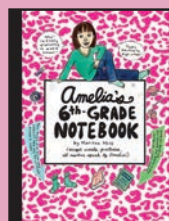
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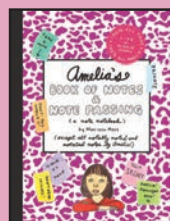
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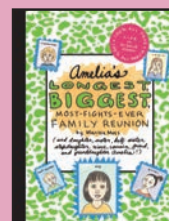
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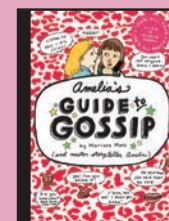
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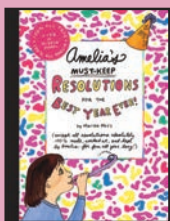
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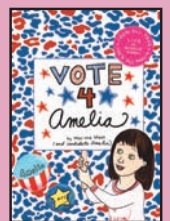
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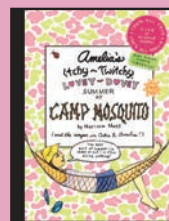
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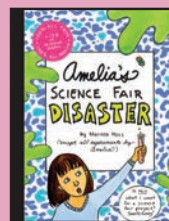
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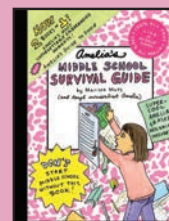
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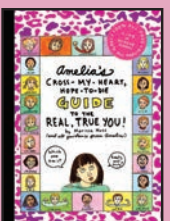
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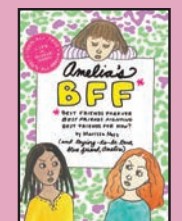
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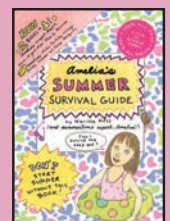
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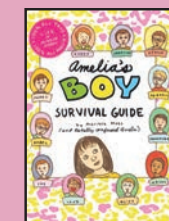
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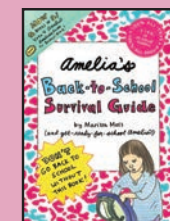
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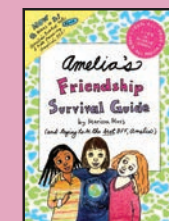
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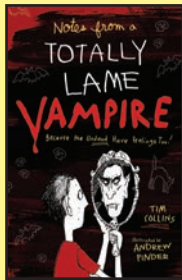


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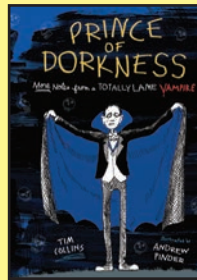
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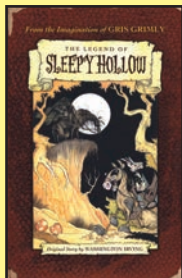


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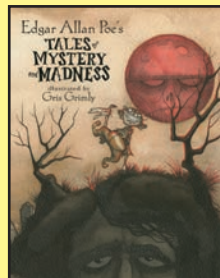
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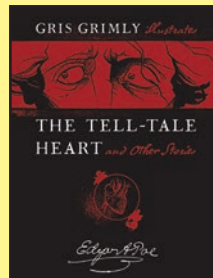
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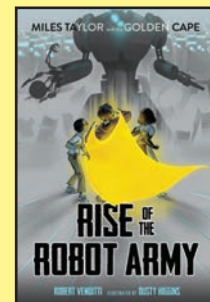
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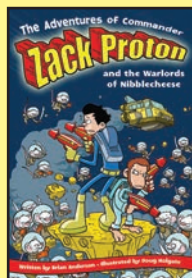
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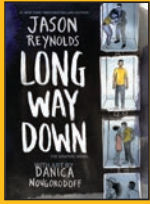
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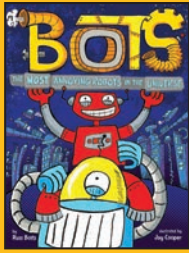
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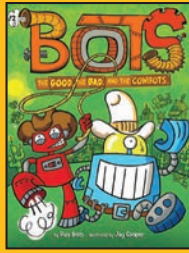
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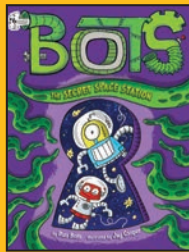
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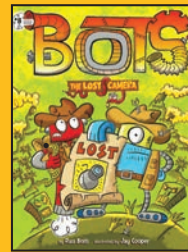
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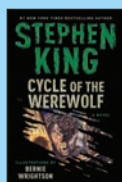
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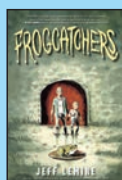
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Visual literacy is defined as the ability to view and then interpret, or make meaning, from what you are viewing. To be visually literate, a person must be able to process both words and pictures, or "read" images by decoding and comprehending meaning 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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