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A Collection Development Resource

With an introduction by Robin Brenner, Librarian and the editor-in-chief of No Flying No Tight, the graphic novel review site.



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Graphic novels have become an engaging alternative for readers seeking different kinds of story-telling, but given the stereotypes that still cling to the medium and the increasing number of titles available every month, maintaining a collection is a daunting task.

In collecting graphic novels and comics, remember that variations are included under the graphic novel umbrella: bound volumes of comics, novel-length original works, and Japanese manga series are all graphic novels for a library's purposes. Collections of previously published sequential stories include everything from Marjane Satrapi's Persepolis to the latest Batman collection. Original longer works, like Jessica Abel's La Perdida or Charles Burns' Black Hole, strengthen any collection and improve diversity. Japanese manga, defined as print comics

from Japan, broaden the audience for any graphic novel collection, particularly drawing in young and female readers.

The key is that all of these tell stories through sequential art: a narrative of images and words across the page. Any kind of story can and has been told in this format, from compelling biographies and memoirs to meticulous historical dramas to speculative fantasy. Graphic novels are written with every kind of audience in mind, from a ten-year-old fantasy fan to a forty-year old true-crime

junkie. The challenge becomes figuring out which stories will work for your local collection, and anticipating what your patrons expect next.

Always keep in mind the kind of graphic novel collection you want to build—is this collection for a public library, school library, or a special collection? Will it be aimed at kids, teenagers, or adults? Do you want to start with classics or get the hot new titles and then fill in retrospectively, as buzz for the format builds and you can get feedback?

Remember to check what you already have!

Most libraries collected graphic novels before the format was recognized as a separate type. Whether you reclassify older titles to fit into your graphic novel collection or simply highlight them by pulling them out for a display, remember to investigate what classic titles you already have.

There are how many volumes?

Graphic novels are serials, and you will need to purchase multiple volumes to get the complete story. Western comics traditionally tell complete story arcs in one volume, like TV series run stand alone episodes. In Japanese manga, every volume expands on the story in progess. There are far fewer entry points for new readers. For the series your readers are desperate to finish, you will need to commit to completing the series.

Where to start?

Build a seed collection of classics and newer first volumes to test the waters in your community. Make sure to include titles from the wide range of what's available. Award winners and literary volumes should mix with popular choices like superheroes to meet readers' demands. A memoir will appeal to the book club crowd, while the latest manga thriller will draw in a whole other audience.

Comics for everyone!

If you are in a public library especially, you should have collections for each of the standard age ranges: children, teens, and adults. Think about who each title appeals to the most. Separating out graphic novel collections among the age ranges gently reminds users that there are comics for all these age ranges, and that not every superhero title is appropriate for an eight-year-old.

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Online Resources



Del Rey Manga's website with an on-sale calendar, newsletters, previews, and more: www.delreymanga.com

Random House, Inc's Blog for everything Graphic/Manga/SciFi (Imagine the San Diego Comic Con, but on a website all year round): www.suvudu.com



Titan Books' website for the latest news, new releases, their Comic-Con site, and more! www.titanbooks.com/home/us/

Vertical's website for reviews. previews, and what's new. www.vertical-inc.com/index.html

The DC Comics website, covering news, previews and more for all imprints of one of the most iconic comics publishers in the world: www.dccomics.com



Pantheon's Graphic Novel site, featuring excerpts, new releases, and fun downloads:

www.randomhouse.com/pantheon/graphicnovels



The Radical Comics website. with trailers, news, and series art: www.radicalpublishing.com

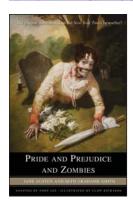
Great for libraries and teachers, these high-quality comic books cover classics, mythology, and biography (for now...): www.steerforth.com/campfire



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Stand-Alones



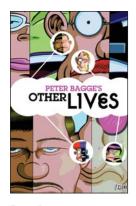
Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith; Adapted by Tony Lee; Illustrated by Cliff Richards

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AND ZOMBIES: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

The fiendishly clever mash-up of Jane Austen's beloved classic with all-new scenes of zombie mayhem—is a *New York Times* bestseller and a major pop culture phenom. This graphic novel adaptation, featuring all-original art, will bring this sensational tale to a whole new audience.

978-0-345-52068-5 \$14.99/\$18.99C | Del Rey | TR

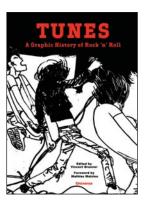
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Peter Bagge **OTHER LIVES**

A smart tale of three unfortunate, occasionally infuriating men, whose various forms of fake lives and real lives get smeared around and stirred together before everything finally boils over.

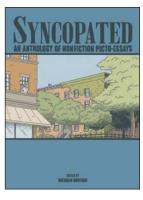
978-1-4012-1902-4 \$24.99/\$29.99C | Vertigo | HC



Vincent Brunner **TUNES:** A GRAPHIC HISTORY OF ROCK 'N' ROLL

Spanning around 50 years of popular music, this graphic novel is poised to be the most original—and most entertaining—history of rock and pop ever published. Tunes is sure to delight fans of rock and pop no matter what age.

978-0-7893-2200-5 \$24.95/\$28.95C | Rizzoli | HC | October



Brendan Burford **SYNCOPATED:**AN ANTHOLOGY OF NONFICTION PICTO-ESSAYS

Syncopated will give you a daringly different view of the past—from the history of vintage postcards to the glory days of old Coney Island. It will immerse you in fascinating subcultures, from the secret world of graffiti artists to the chess champs of Greenwich Village. And it will open your eyes to pieces of forgotten history and to new perspectives on critical current events. These "picto-essays" encompass memoir, history, journalism, and biography in varied visual styles.

978-0-345-50529-3 \$16.95/\$19.95C | Villard | TR | May



Charles Burns X'ED OUT

Doug is having a strange night. A weird buzzing noise on the other side of the wall has woken him and there, next to a huge hole torn out of the bricks, wits his beloved cat, Inky. Who died years ago. But who's nonetheless slinking out through the hole, beckoning Doug to follow. The first volume of an epic masterpiece from the creator of *Black Hole*.

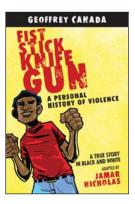
978-0-307-37913-9 \$19.95/\$23.95C | Pantheon | HC | October



Dino Buzzati; Translated by Marina Harss **POEM STRIP**

A path-breaking graphic novel from the 1960s—is a dark and alluring investigation into mysteries of love, lust, sex, and death by Dino Buzzati, a master of the Italian avant-garde. 978-1-59017-323-7

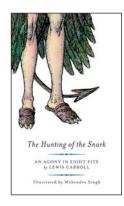
\$14.95/\$18.95C | New York Review Books | TR



Geoffrey Canada FIST STICK KNIFE GUN: A PERSONAL HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

The brilliant graphic adaptation of a backlist classic by the renowned activist and children's advocate Oprah Winfrey called "an angel from God." Geoffrey tells his story of growing up in the South Bronx.

978-0-8070-4449-0 \$15.00/NCR | Beacon Press | TR | October



Lewis Carroll; Illustrated by Mahendra Singh

THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK

A brilliant new illustrated version of Lewis Carroll's nonsense masterpiece in heroic couplets—full of visual riddles, puns, and mysteries.

978-1-935554-24-0 \$14.95/\$17.95C | Melville House | HC | November

Stand-Alones

Daniel Clowes MISTER WONDERFUL: A LOVE STORY

An Eisner Award-winning story serialized in the New York Times Magazine, now with 40 pages of new material. Marshall has a blind date with Natalie. He's divorced, middle-aged, newly-unemployed. She's very late. But then she appears and is too good to be true: youngish, sincere, kind. What's the catch? A touching view of the potential for human kindness.

978-0-307-37813-2 \$18.95/\$21.95C | Pantheon | HC | April 2011

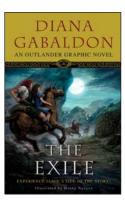


T Cooper; Illustrated by Alex Petrowsky **BEAUFORT DIARIES**

It may sound like a familiar story—boy goes to Hollywood, boy befriends big star, boy gets almost as famous as the big star, boy finds fame tricky—but T Cooper's first graphic novel is subversively different. For one thing, the "boy" is a polar bear. 978-1-935554-07-3

 $15.95/18.95C\ |\ Melville\ House\ |\ HC$

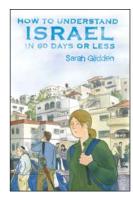
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Diana Gabaldon; Illustrated by Hoang Nguyen **THE EXILE:** AN OUTLANDER GRAPHIC NOVEL

The Exile retells the original Outlander novel from Jamie Fraser's point of view, revealing events never seen in the original story and giving readers a whole new insight into the Jamie/Claire relationship in brilliant four-color art. Gabaldon, a former comic-book writer, wrote the script herself.

978-0-345-50538-5 \$25.00/NCR | Del Rey | HC | September | **④**

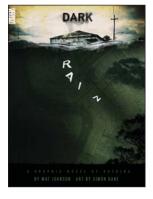


Sarah Glidden

HOW TO UNDERSTAND ISRAEL IN 60 DAYS OR LESS

Sarah Glidden's pictorial memoir of her government-sponsored trip through Israel and the emotional journey she never expected to take while she was there, her experience clashing with her preconceived notions again and again as she finds out things aren't as simple as she once thought.

978-1-4012-2233-8 \$24.99/\$28.99C | Vertigo | HC | November



Mat Johnson; Illustrated by Simone Gane **DARK RAIN:**A NEW ORLEANS STORY

From the author of *Incognegro*, this is a story of the days after Hurricane Katrina, when two men who fell through society's cracks travel to evacuated New Orleans to pull off the bank heist of a lifetime. Surrounded by death and misery, the men face a moral challenge greater than any other obstacle they've had to overcome.

978-1-4012-2160-7 \$24.99/\$28.99C | Vertigo | HC | August Ben Katchor

THE CARDBOARD VALISE

A guidebook for the modern traveler discouraged by globalization and national hatreds. Enter the elaborate fictions of the characters: a vast panorama of fabled restroom ruins, humane hamburger stands, ethereal ethnic restaurants, and the living rooms of world-weary souvenir collectors. Katchor is the first cartoonist to receive a MacArthur Genius Award.

978-0-375-42114-3 \$21.00 | Pantheon | HC | February 2011



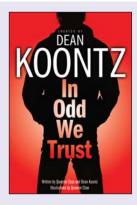
Dean Koontz and Fred Van Lente; Illustrated by Queenie Chan

ODD IS ON OUR SIDE

A second all-new graphic novel adventure—following the hit success *In Odd We Trust*—starring Dean Koontz's immensely popular character, Odd Thomas.

978-0-345-51560-5 \$10.99/\$11.99C | Del Rey | TR

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Dean Koontz IN ODD WE TRUST

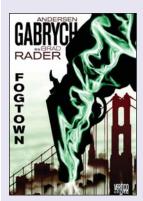
The graphic novel follows Odd's race to solve the murder of a young boy whose killer appears to be stalking a second child. Odd's girlfriend, Stormy, Police Chief Porter, the ghost of Elvis Presley and many other characters from the novel appear as well.

978-0-345-49966-0 \$10.95/\$12.50C | Del Rey | TR | Ages 13 & Up

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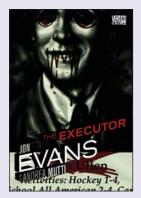
VERTIGO CRIME: A new line of gritty adult crime comics from some of Vertigo's best writers and artists.



Anderson Gabrych; Illus. Brad Rader

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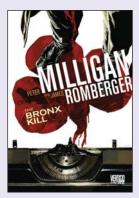
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Jon Evans; Illus. Andrea Mutti

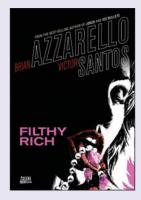
THE EXECUTOR

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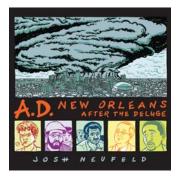
Peter Milligan; Illus. by James Romberger **BRONX KILL**

978-1-4012-1155-4 \$19.99/\$24.99C | Vertigo | HC



Brian Azzarello; Illustrated by Victor Santos **FILTHY RICH**

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Josh Neufeld **A.D.:** NEW ORLEANS AFTER THE DELUGE

A masterful portrait of a city under siege. Seven extraordinary true stories of survival in the days leading up to and following Hurricane Katrina. A city in chaos with the tragedies and triumphs that took place within it.

978-0-307-37814-9 \$24.95/\$28.95C | Pantheon | HC 978-0-375-71488-7 \$16.95/\$19.95C | Pantheon | TR | August

Best American Comics, 2010

MTV.com Best Nonfiction Comic of 2009

San Francisco Chronicle "Best in Comics"



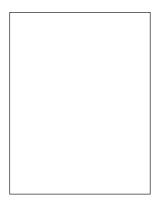
Dash Shaw **BODYWORLD**

It's 2060, and a devastating civil war has left the country in shambles. This story is about a small town, a lowlife botanist, and a mysterious plant with strange powers. A mind-blowing blend of science-fiction, classic high school drama, and futuristic what-if—both funny and fearless.

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Nominated for a 2009 Eisner Award



GB Tran

VIETNAMERICA:A FAMILY'S LEAVETAKINGS AND HOMECOMINGS

In this graphic memoir, Vietnamese-American artist Tran tells the story of his family's experiences during the Vietnam War, a family saga played out in the shadow of history. But it's also a story of survival, escape, and reinvention—and of the gift of the American dream, passed on from first-generation immigrants to their children.

978-0-345-50872-0 \$20.00/\$23.00C | Villard | HC | January 2011



Julia Wertz **DRINKING AT THE MOVIES**

In 2007, the 24-year-old Wertz impulsively deserted her beloved hometown of San Francisco for the unfamiliar streets of Brooklyn. She didn't expect New York to beat her down like it does so many young artists, but it did, helped along by Wertz's tendency toward hilarious mishaps and impulsive decision making.

978-0-307-59183-8

\$15.00/\$17.00C | Three Rivers Press | August

Classic Characters



Grant Morrison; Illus. Tony Daniel & Lee Garbett **BATMAN: R.I.P.**

"Batman is pushed past the edge of sanity in this spectacular story that mixes icy mind games and passionate outbursts."

—Publishers Weekly, Starred Review

978-1-4012-2576-6 \$14.99/\$17.99C | DC Comics | TR

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Tony Daniel **BATMAN:** BATTLE FOR THE COWL

"Daniel supplies art from the Jim Lee school of sinew and scowl, and applies atmospheric shadows in all the right places."

—Booklist

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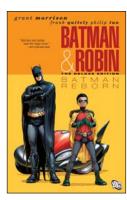
Frank Miller

ALL STAR BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER

The high-octane origin story of Dick Grayson's transformation into Robin, the Boy Wonder.

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Grant Morrison; Illus. Frank Quitely & Philip Tan **BATMAN & ROBIN:** BATMAN REBORN

The new Dynamic Duo hit the streets with a bang in their new flying Batmobile as they face off against an assemblage of villains called the Circus of Strange.

978-1-4012-2566-7 \$24.99/\$29.99C | DC Comics | HC

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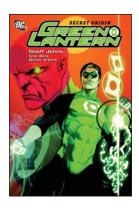


Geoff Johns **GREEN LANTERN:**AGENT ORANGE

This graphic novel sequel to "The Sinestro Corps War" is the prelude to the next major event in the DC Universe, "The Blackest Night", and features the war of light exploding across the Vega System.

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Geoff Johns GREEN LANTERN: SECRET ORIGIN

Discover the "secret origin" of Hal Jordan's career as a Green Lantern—how he received his power ring and what happened to his mysterious predecessor Abin Sur.

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Geoff Johns; Illus. Ivan Reis **BLACKEST NIGHT**

Throughout the decades, death has plagued the DC Universe and taken the lives of heroes and villains alike. But to what end? It's up to the Green Lantern Corps to lead DC's greatest in a battle against an army of undead Black Lanterns made up of fallen heroes and villains.

978-1-4012-2693-0 \$29.99/\$35.99C | DC Comics | HC | July

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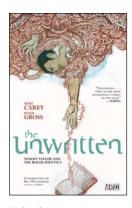


Greg Rucka **BATWOMAN:** ELEGY

In this first tale, Batwoman battles a madwoman known only as Alice, inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*, who sees her life as a fairy tale and everyone around her as expendable extras! 978-1-4012-2692-3

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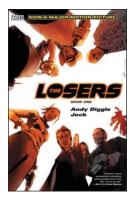
Series



Mike Carey THE UNWRITTEN (VOLUMES 1-2)

Tom Taylor's father created the Tommy Taylor fantasy series, boywizard novels with popularity on par with Harry Potter. The problem: Dad modeled the fictional epic so closely to Tom's real life that fans are constantly comparing him to his counterpart...dangerously so.

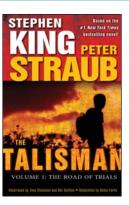
VOL 01 | 978-1-4012-2565-0 \$9.99/\$12.99C | Vertigo | TR VOL 02 | 978-1-4012-2873-6 \$12.99/\$14.99C | Vertigo | TR



Andy Diggle; Illus. Jock THE LOSERS BOOK ONE, **VOL. 1 & 2**

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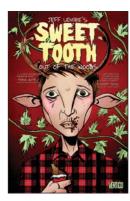
978-1-4012-2733-3 \$19.99/\$24.99C | Vertigo | TR



Stephen King and Peter Straub **THE TALISMAN:** VOLUME 1: THE ROAD OF TRIALS

The gripping novel that follows young Jack Sawyer on a desperate quest between two worlds-ours, and a mysterious alternate version of Earth called The Territories—comes to magical life in glowing artwork by Tony Shasteen, scripted by Stephen King expert Robin Furth.

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The story of Gus, a rare new breed of human/animal hybrid children, has been raised in isolation following an inexplicable pandemic that struck a decade earlier.

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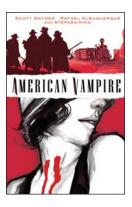


Jeremy Love

BAYOU (VOLUMES 1-2)

Lee, a young sharecropper's daughter, sets off across the Old South in pursuit of the truth that will set her father free from false accusations of kidnapping.

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Scott Snyder and Stephen King; Illus. Rafael Albuquereque

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Kanata Konami **CHI'S SWEET HOME**

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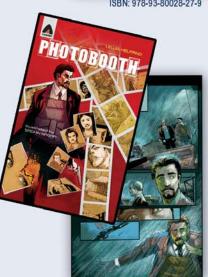


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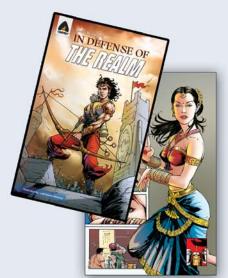
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AFTER DARK (VOLUME 1)

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978-1-935417-45-3

\$14.95/\$16.95C | Radical Publishing | TR | Ages 16 & Up

John Heffernan;

Illustrated by Leonardo Manco

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Alabaster Graves is a driver for the dead. As a veteran of funeral homes, mortuaries, and coroners' offices across the Deep South, Graves chauffeurs hundreds of bodies to their final resting places. But now, Alabaster must cover the distance from Shreveport to New Orleans to retrieve the remains of Mose Freeman, renowned voodoo priest, with Freeman's sultry granddaughter riding shotgun. What he doesn't know is that he's being pursued by a resurrectionist named Fallow - a necromancer who gets his power from stealing body parts... and for whom the corpse of Mose Freeman would be the ultimate

978-1-935417-43-9

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Flint Dille and David Liss; Illustrated by Meduzarts Digital Environment Studio

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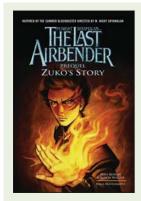
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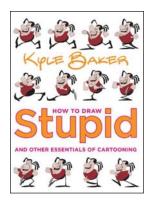
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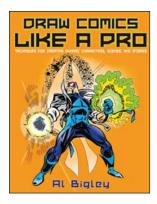
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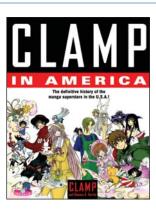
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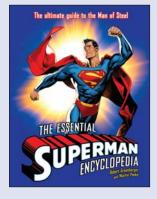
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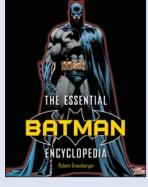
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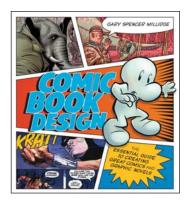


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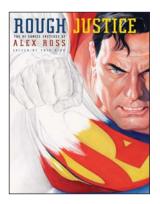
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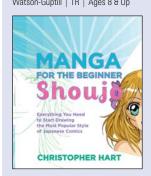
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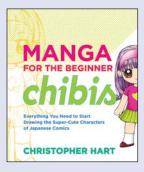
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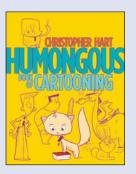
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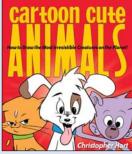




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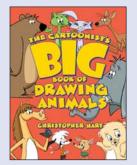
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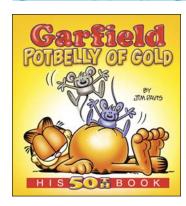
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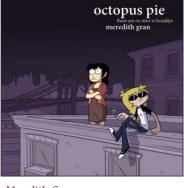
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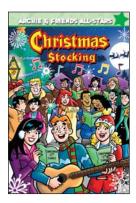


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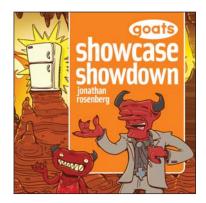
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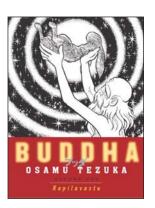
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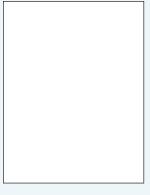
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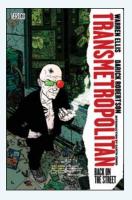
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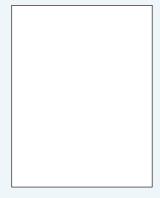
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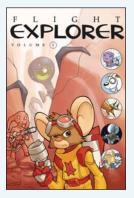
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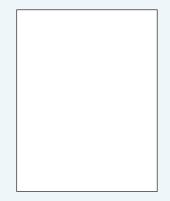
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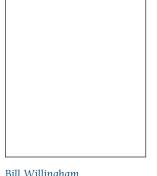
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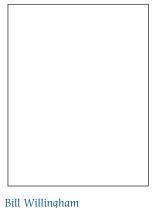


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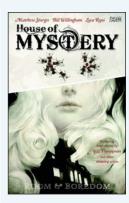
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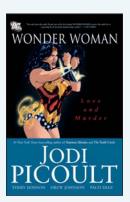


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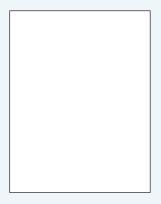
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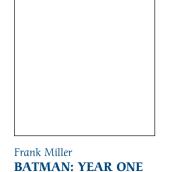
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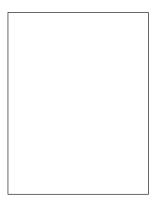


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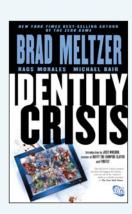


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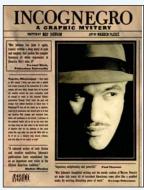


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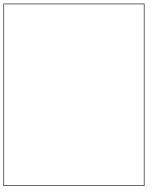
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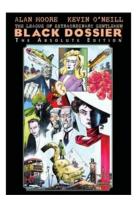


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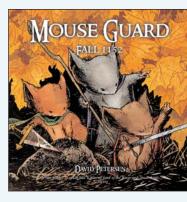
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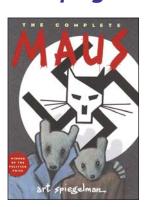
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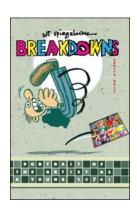
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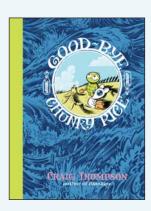
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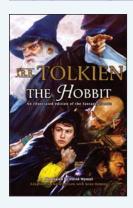
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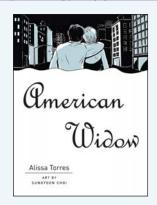


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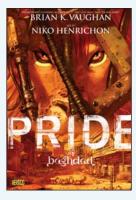
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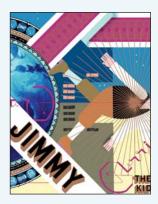
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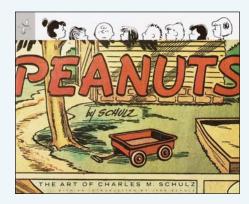


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Advertise your collection.

Many fans of the format will never realize the library has a graphic novel collection unless the format is advertised. Put up a display, create an annotated book list, or simply shelve the collection in a heavily used area. Include graphic novels in topical displays to draw in readers who may not be familiar with the diversity of the format.

Is it really reading?

Reading graphic novels demands different skills than reading prose, watching television, or playing video games. Presentation, art style, and dialogue all inform how easily a reader might dive into a story. Give yourself and your readers time to piece the stories together, and remind skeptics that vocabulary is a full grade level higher in comics than in prose titles aimed at the same age audience.

Education is the best defense.

Know the stereotypes: all comics are for kids.

All comics are superhero comics. Japanese manga is full of sex and violence. Graphic novels aren't really reading. These distortions of what comics are will not go away any time soon, so prepare yourself and your staff on how to react to these statements or questions. Prepare cheat sheets, articles, and an FAQ so staff are able to reply confidently to concerns.

Check with your readers.

If you see someone checking out a large stack of graphic novels, let them know you're the person to speak to about future purchase recommendations. Non-fans should always have a way in to the format, but fans of the format know the comics world inside and out: make sure it's easy for them to make suggestions.

Be prepared to explain the collection.

Read a few graphic novels yourself, even if you're not a fan, including a title that's in a genre that appeals to you (no need to force yourself to read a book that bores you!) Get to know basic terms and be prepared with statistics to defend the collection to administrators, peers, and the general public. Remember that graphic novels are alternatives to, not replacements for, prose!

A picture is worth a thousand words.

We all react to images differently, and more strongly, than we react to the same scene described in prose. Think about other visual media's rating systems, from films to video games. Would the title be rated PG-13 or R if it were a movie? Don't think just about appropriate content, but also appeal. Pay attention to publisher ratings, but also flip through volumes yourself to match the title with your collection and community.

Pay attention to circulation.

High circulation is one of the major justifications for adding graphic novels to your collection, and they do fly off the shelves. Keep a critical eye on what circulates the most and what only circulates a few times. Circulation trends will help you determine what is popular in your area, but that being said, don't let numbers rule your selection. More obscure titles may surprise your patrons and push them outside their regular reading habits to discover a hidden gem.

Seek out diverse reviews.

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