THE GRAPHIC NOVEL AND MANGA EXPLOSION:
A Q & A with John Shableski, Graphic Novel Coordinator for BroDart

Are Graphic Novels a Growth Area?
Oh most certainly! Graphic novels sales in 2001 were 43 million dollars—that includes libraries and retail. Sales for 2006 in the library market alone were 30 Million dollars. Total U.S. Market was 330 million (according to www.ICV2.com).

How Can a Graphic Novel Collection Impact a Library’s Circ?
Graphic Novels, on average, make up 15% of a library’s total collection for YA readers and yet can yield 30% to 42% of the circulation stats. Since circulation numbers equal dollars when it comes to grant applications and justifying tax dollars, the more books are circed—or checked out—the more popular that library appears at funding time. Graphic Novels can circulate much more often than a typical adult bestseller. Popular adult reads can be considered heavy circ if they are checked out weekly, while Graphic Novels will go out daily. Readers will actually check out an entire series at one time.

Some People Don't Take Graphic Novels Seriously. How Would You Respond to Them?
Graphic novels mark a major shift in the American approach to reading. Not so much for current adults but today's teens and tomorrows adults. When Truman Capote wrote In Cold Blood, true crime stories weren’t commercially viable, they were the stuff of dime store magazines. Valley of The Dolls was just trash that would never see the light of day and yet both books have become the mile markers of popular reading genres. Remember that when both of those were published, the library was the place where you went to find a ‘classic.’ Popular reading wasn’t acceptable.

It’s a really cool moment in publishing...and we get to watch it all unfold. How cool is that?

SPOTLIGHT ON: DEL REY MANGA
Manga—Japanese comics and graphic novels—are a mainstay of American popular culture and, more than that, an increasingly vital part of libraries’ outreach to their communities. This summer Del Rey Manga will continue its tradition of publishing exciting fan-favorite stories that fire the imaginations of readers young and old.

Of particular interest for libraries is Manga: The Complete Guide by Jason Thompson. This comprehensive reference to more than 900 manga series not only makes this book a valuable guide for library patrons, but also provides helpful guidance for any library as it increases its manga holdings.

As for manga itself, summer not only brings new volumes of beloved series like Tsubasa, xxxHolic, The Wallflower, and Negima!, but also the first volumes of brand new series sure to join the ranks of our most popular. From 18th century Paris in Le Chevalier d’Eon to the highschool drama of My Heavenly Hockey Club; from the futuristic landscape of Dragon Eye to the eerie suspense of Alive to pop music’s superstar Avril Lavigne’s Make 5 Wishes, there’s a Del Rey Manga for every reader and for every collection. For more info—including book previews, publication calendars, our newsletter sign-up, and more—visit us at www.DelReyManga.com
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National Geographic | TR | April

Naeem Murra
**The Perfect Man: A Novel**
Identity, friendship, and a long-hidden crime lie at the heart of this captivating novel about five friends growing up in a small 1950s Missouri river town. A contender for the Man Booker Prize, this exhilarating story beautifully evokes the extreme joys, as well as the dark and shameful desires, of childhood. 978-0-8129-7701-1 (0-8129-7701-7) | $13.95/$17.95C
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Chad Pregracke was a high school student when he first glimpsed the trash that littered the bottom of the Mississippi, a shocking sight that launched him on a quest to clean up the river. This first-person chronicle of Chad’s own life along the Mississippi features colorful characters, a near-death experience, a haunted swamp, and other flourishes worthy of a modern Mark Twain. 978-1-4262-0100-4 (1-4262-0100-1) | $26.00/$32.00C
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Rye Taylor was twelve when he saw his father killed. Taken in by a mysterious stranger, Rye is taught life’s lessons on harsh ground, until tragedy forces him to live a hermit’s life in a wild dust-choked land of canyons and buttes. But his skill with a gun has earned Rye a reputation he can’t escape and soon he must face his deadliest enemy—the very man who taught Rye about manhood, friendship...and the ways of a gunman.

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978-0-385-50606-9 (0-385-50606-6) | $26.95/$34.95C

Doubleday | HC | June

Alvin Josephy, Jr.

**Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes: Nine Indian Writers on the Legacy of Expedition**

Nine distinguished Indian writers, historians, and tribal leaders speak out about what the coming of the Lewis & Clark expedition meant for their people.

978-1-4000-7749-6 (1-4000-7749-4) | $14.00/$18.00C

Vintage | TR | June

Amy Karol

**Bend-the-Rules Sewing: The Essential Guide to a Whole New Way to Sew**

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978-0-307-34721-3 (0-307-34721-4) | $21.95/$27.95C

Potter Craft | TR | June

Jon Katz

**Dog Days: Dispatches from Bedlam Farm**

Katz chronicles the experience of life with animals—what they teach us, and what they bring out in us. *Dog Days* captures the vivid voices of farmers, and neighbors, the reassurring yet punishing rhythm of daily chores, the harmony and great rewards of man, animals, and land—as well as bugs, manure, and chicken droppings.

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$16.95/$21.95C | Living Language Package | May

Baby’s First Words in Chinese
978-1-4000-2364-6 (1-4000-2364-6) | $14.95/$19.95C | Hatherleigh Press | TR | June

Baby’s First Words in French
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E-Parenting: Keeping Up with Your Tech-Savvy Kids

For all those “tech-challenged” parents out there, E-Parenting will teach you about various technologies and explain how you can make the most of each with your family.

978-0-375-72165-6 (0-375-72165-7) | $14.95/$19.95C | RH Reference | TR | June

Finding Your Inner Mama: Women Reflect on the Challenges and Rewards of Motherhood

Some of the most insightful writings about the emotional and spiritual landscape of motherhood—twenty-four essays in all—drawn from the best books, articles, and essays, as well as two original essays.

978-1-59030-423-5 (1-59030-423-3) | $14.00/$18.00C | Trumpeter | TR | July

The Making of a Mother: Overcoming the Nine Key Challenges—from Crib to Empty Nest

Motherhood’s most demanding and important moments are identified and explained in this authoritative, anecdotal book based entirely on actual women’s lives.

978-0-345-47598-5 (0-345-47598-4) | $23.95/$29.95C | Ballantine | HC | May

What in the World Are Your Kids Doing Online?: How to Understand the Electronic World Your Children Live In

The first comprehensive and proactive guide to the most discussed topic in parenting circles today—how to keep kids safe in the electronic world.

978-0-7679-2663-8 (0-7679-2663-3) | $14.00/$18.00C | Broadway | TR | August
Manga: The Complete Guide
The go-to resource for manga fans who want to pick up a new series or discover classics. Contains reviews of more than 900 different manga series released in the U.S. Each entry includes a brief review of the series, 1 to 5 star rating, background on the series and artist, the number of volumes, age appropriateness, whether the book reads in the Japanese (right to left) or western style, what’s good, what’s bad, and what sets the series apart.
978-0-345-48590-8 (0-345-48590-4) | $19.95/$24.95C
Del Rey | TR | July

Mr. Sebastian and the Negro Magician: A Novel
It’s 1950 and magician Henry Walker is traveling through the south with Jeremiah Musgrove’s Chinese Circus. Though once a world-famous illusionist, Henry seems to have lost his magic. With Henry’s fate uncertain, his friends from the circus narrate a spellbinding tale of how Henry came by his magic: when he was ten years old Henry met the devil, who gave him the gift—and then stole the one thing that meant the most to him. The result is a great adventure and tragedy, enthralling to the last page.
978-0-385-52109-3 (0-385-52109-X) | $21.95/$27.95C
Doubleday | HC | July

Little Evils
The second book installment for one of the longest running, best-known, and most popular webcomics. This unique comic has deep and involving storylines, well-developed characters, and a new twist on talking animals.
978-1-57826-250-2 (1-57826-250-X) | $21.95/$27.95C
Hatherleigh Press | TR | August

Notes From a Spinning Planet—Mexico
The third title in the series engages readers with the thrill of globetrotting while challenging them to think about the world as a large place, shining the light on cultures other than American and bringing greater awareness to the needs of others. Here, Maddie’s adventures continue as she travels to Cabo San Lucas with her Aunt Sid, a journalist.
978-1-4000-7146-3 (1-4000-7146-1) | $12.99/$15.99C
WaterBrook | TR | August

Mom, Have You Seen My Leather Pants? The Tale of a Teen Rock Wannabe Who Almost Was The hilarious odyssey of the band Onyxxx (one X wasn’t nearly enough), a group founded by four 16-year-old boys who played L.A.’s Sunset Strip during the late 80s in the hair metal heyday, as told by their former guitarist.
978-0-307-34212-6 (0-307-34212-3) | $13.95/$17.95C
Three Rivers Press | TR | August

Whitethorn Woods
A number of years ago I had the good fortune to be in Texas and attend a Barbara Bush Literacy evening. There were great speakers that evening: Richard North Patterson, Michael Crichton, President Bush, Sr...but the author who stole the evening was Maeve Binchy. She won you over immediately with a talk that came from her heart. You felt that she was your best friend and you were lucky to have her in your life. And now she has come to Random House, Inc. and Knopf has this splendid book set in a small town in Ireland poised on the edge of change. A motorway will cut through Whitethorn Woods and possibly destroy a revered local shrine, St. Ann’s Well. We hear the various voices of the town and an interesting bunch they are. Binchy certainly cuts a swath through the range of human personalities—some twisted, some lovely. She is a genius at capturing human emotions. There are some extremely satisfying plot twists here, which I will not give away. You will be delighted with this very engaging read that makes you determined to be a better person. Bravo, Maeve!
978-0-307-26578-4 (0-307-26578-1) | $25.95/NCR | Knopf | HC (Available Now)

Enchanted April
Enchanted April is one of the earliest ‘get away with girlfriends’ novels that I am aware of. It is simply splendid and you pass the time reading it taken out of yourself to a wonderful and relaxing place. Set aside several hours and become a person who “Appreciate(s) Wistaria and Sunshine.” England—early ’20s. Four very different women from London, for very different reasons, find themselves sharing a villa on the Italian Mediterranean. Suffice it to say that they are TRANSFORMED, and you will be too! This novel has been made into a wonderful movie and was also a play on Broadway. It deserves the attention of book discussion leaders everywhere. Thank you New York Review Books!
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Set against the lush beauty of the Hawaiian Islands, this vivid novel shatters the seemingly moronic, manages to come up with some sage observations. The Descendants is the sparkling tale of the many misadventures of a literary single girl spending her post collegiate days finding herself in Paris. Pre-Fielding and Bushnell days, this young woman’s exploits of searching for love, happiness, and direction is a modern feminist classic, first published and beloved in 1958. The descriptions of early 20th century Paris will captivate you while Sally Jay’s wildly sarcastic voice will entertain you. A book to be passed along to every woman you know!


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How to Become a Famous Writer Before You’re Dead Your Words in Print and Your Name in Lights
Written by Ariel Gore

I’ve read my share of writing advice. I’ve subscribed to Writer’s Digest and Poets and Writers, read writing guides, checked out books from the library on how to get published, perused condescending writerly-ambition websites, and never before have I encountered anything like Gore’s personal, unpretentious, and at times even self-deprecating voice. Instead of removing herself and writing yet another cold-glass how-to book, she takes a refreshing humorous-narrative approach. Simply put, she’s just really good at giving advice. By merely sharing anecdotes and allowing us to draw from them what we like, she builds a rapport with her audience and manages to avoid coming across as authoritative or patronizing. And she swears a lot. And she’s silly. And she’s real.

However, the book also gives us the firm talking-to we need, setting up common excuses (I’m too old; I’m too young, I don’t have a degree; I’ve lived kind of a bland life, etc.) and shooting them off the fence one-by-one. “See?” she says, “You can. Now get going.” An analogy: If the writing world were a farm (yes I know it should be “be,” the present-tense subjunctive, but see Chapter 34 “Relax the Rules”), she’s not the ol’ farmer. She’s the rooster. Her book does the all-important job of waking up the life that’s already “in the yard.”

978-0-307-34648-3 (0-307-34648-X) | $13.95/$17.95C
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