# **Graphic Novels**

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# Aguirre, Jorge – Monsters Beware!

Claudette puts her honor on the line in the Warrior Games, but a plot by the evil queen to use the games for her own purposes forces Claudette to decide if there is more to fighting than just winning. (Grades 3-6)

#### Andrews, Ryan – This was Our Pact

When their community celebrates the annual Autumn Equinox Festival by lighting paper lanterns and floating them in the river, Ben and the school misfit, Nathaniel, embark on a bicycle trip to discover what happens to the lanterns. (Grades 4 – 7)

#### Craft, Jerry – New Kid

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself? (Grades 4 – 7)

#### Edith - Tom's Midnight Garden: A Graphic Adaptation of the Philippa Pearce Classic

Tom finds himself in the midst of a strange adventure involving a garden that appears only at night and a girl from another time. (Grades 4-7)

#### Gardner, Whitney – Fake Blood

In order to get the attention of Nia, the girl he likes, eleven-year-old A.J. pretends to be a vampire, unaware that she intends to be a slayer. (Grades 5-8)

## Hale, Shannon and Dean - <u>Diana: Princess of the Amazons</u>

Eleven-year-old Diana, the gangly, sometimes clumsy, only child on the island of Themyscira, struggles to live up to the high Amazonian standards and longs for someone her own age whom she can talk to. (Grades 3 – 6)

### Holm, Jennifer L. – Sunny Rolls the Dice

Sunny just made it to middle school . . . and it's making her life very confusing. All her best friend Deb wants to talk about is fashion, boys, makeup, boys, and being cool. But Sunny is much more comfortable when she's in her basement, playing Dungeons & Dragons with a bunch of new friends. Because when you're swordfighting and spider-slaying, it's hard to worry about whether you look cool or not. Also try the prequels, Sunny Side Up and Swing It, Sunny. (Grades 4-7)

## Jamieson, Victoria and Omar Mohamed – When Stars are Scattered

Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp. (Grades 4-8)

### Kibuishi, Kazu – Amulet Book One: The Stonekeeper

After moving into an old ancestral home, Emily and Navin's mother is kidnapped and dragged down the basement stairs by a mysterious creature, and after giving chase, the kids find themselves in a magical but dangerous world of man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, and shadowy enemies. Try the whole series! (Grades 4-7)

## Kondo, Robert – The Dam Keeper

Life in Sunrise Valley is tranquil, but beyond its borders lies certain death. A dangerous black fog looms outside the village, but its inhabitants are kept safe by an ingenious machine known as the dam. Pig's father built the dam and taught him how to maintain it. And then this brilliant inventor did the unthinkable: he walked into the fog and was never seen again. Now Pig is the dam keeper. Except for his best friend, Fox, and the town bully, Hippo, few are aware of his tireless efforts. But a new threat is on the horizon--a tidal wave of black fog is descending on Sunrise Valley. Now Pig, Fox, and Hippo must face the greatest danger imaginable: the world on the other side of the dam. Read the whole series! (Grades 3 – 6)

## Sell, Chad – The Cardboard Kingdom

Follows the adventures of a group of neighborhood children who create costumes from cardboard and use their imagination in adventures with knights, robots, and monsters. (Grades 3-6)

#### Siegel, Mark and Alexis – 5 Worlds: The Sand Warrior

The Five Worlds are on the brink of extinction unless five ancient and mysterious beacons are lit. When war erupts, three unlikely heroes will discover there's more to themselves—and more to their worlds—than meets the eye. . . . Also try <u>The Cobalt Prince</u> and <u>The Red Maze</u>. (Grades 3 – 5)

### Simpson, Dana – Phoebe and Her Unicorn

When Phoebe meets a unicorn named Marigold who grants her one wish, Phoebe wishes Marigold would become her best friend, and the two set off on adventures big and small. Read the whole <u>series</u>! (Grades 4 and up)

#### Telgemeier, Raina - Guts

Developing a chronic stomachache that she initially dismisses as a bug, young Raina discovers that her symptoms are related to her anxieties about school, food and changing friendships. (Grades 3-6)

# TenNapel, Doug - Cardboard

After Cam's father gives him a cardboard box for his birthday, they fashion it into a man that comes to life, but things spin out of control when a bully steals a scrap of the cardboard to create creatures that disobey his orders and multiply into an army. (Grades 4-6)

#### Wang, Jen – Stargazing

Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness. (Grades 3-6)