

# Staff Picks



## Graphic Novels for Grownups

Once comic books were thought to be "just for kids," today they are full of wonderful art and contain stories that rival even the best novels. Try some of these well-designed books that develop plots and build characters through both pictures and text.

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### American Vampire (1)

Scott Snyder     Snyder

Skinner Sweet, an outlaw vampire with no aversion to the sun, takes revenge on the aristocratic gang of vampires that created him.



### Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography

Sidney Jacobson     921 Frank Jac

Draws on the archives of the Anne Frank House to relate the short but inspiring life of the Jewish teen memoirist, from the lives of her parents to Anne's years keeping her private diary while hidden from the Nazis to her untimely death in a concentration camp.



### Blacksad

Juan Diaz Canales     Diazcan

Private investigator John Blacksad is up to his feline ears in mystery and intrigue, digging up the back stories behind murders, child abductions, and nuclear secrets during the 1950's Red Scare in the United States.



### Castle Waiting

Linda Medley     Medley

A fable for modern times, *Castle Waiting* is a fairy tale that's not about rescuing the princess, saving the kingdom, or fighting the ultimate war between Good and Evil -- but about being a hero in your own home.



### City of Spies

Susan Kim     Kim

In the New York City of 1942, budding cartoonist Evelyn and her new friend Tony find a genuine Nazi spy, and become embroiled in the kind of adventure Evelyn writes about in her comics.



### Diary of a Mosquito Abatement Man

John Porcellino     Porcell

This collection of stories deals specifically with the years Porcellino was employed as a Mosquito Abatement Technician. In his own elegant, simple style, Porcellino grapples with the job and the eventual effects it had on his life and his view of the world.



### DNA: A Graphic Guide to the Molecule that Shook the World

Israel Rosenfield     572.86 Ros

A unique, richly detailed, and fun biography of DNA grounded in deep historical and

philosophical knowledge.



Fist, Stick, Knife, Gun: A Personal History of Violence

Geoffrey Canada    Canada

Presents a graphic adaptation of Geoffrey Canada's memoir of his Bronx, N.Y. childhood, along with an analysis of how a chain of events set in motion by 1960s drug laws has led to the child violence on the streets today.



Locke & Key. Vol. 1, Welcome to Lovecraft

Joe Hill    Hill

Presents the story of Keyhouse, an unlikely New England mansion with fantastic doors that transform all who dare to walk through them.



Mijeong

Byun, Byung-Jun

Series: Graphic Novels

Young people's lives cross and spark for brief moments. This Graphic Novel is an example of Korean Manhwa.



Nylon Road: a Graphic Memoir of Coming of Age in Iran

Parsua Bashi    Bashi

An artist originally from Teheran depicts her experiences of growing up under Shiite Law and her life in Switzerland as an adult.



The Alchemist: A Graphic Novel

Paul Coelho    Coelho

Offers an adaptation in graphic novel format of a modern classic about the globe-trotting spiritual journey of a humble shepherd boy.



The Color of Earth

Tong-Hwa Kim    Kim

Ehwa grows up helping her widowed mother run the local tavern, and watching as their customers look down on her mother for her single lifestyle.



Walking Shadows: A Novel without Words

Bousfield, Neil

In this uniquely beautiful wordless graphic novel reminiscent of legendary expressionist artists Frans Masereel and Lynd Ward, a working-class family struggles to make ends meet and raise their children in an isolating world of economic despair.



Werewolves of Montpellier

Jason    Jason

*Werewolves of Montpellier* is a lycanthropic thriller, a romantic comedy, and an existential drama--basically, your typical Jason book. *Beware the full moon!*

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