

J GN  
SOON, C

The Tryout  
Christina Soontornvat



As one of the only Asian Americans in her school, Christina confronts both well-meaning ignorance and cruel racism, but in middle school fitting in is important, which is why she and her best friend Megan are both excited and nervous to try out for the popular cheerleading squad.

J GN  
STAN, M

The Odds  
Matt Stanton



Kip is a quiet kid in a loud city. She's easy to miss and that's the way she likes it. Then, one day, Kip's quiet life is suddenly interrupted. Ten of her favorite characters have stepped out of their worlds and into hers.

J GN  
TERC, R

Swan Lake Quest for the Kingdoms  
Rey Terciero & Megan Kearney



Odette and Dillie's kingdoms have been feuding since before they were born but they were destined to be best friends. Odette transforms into a swan when the sun rises and is happy to find someone who treats her like everyone else. And Dillie has finally met someone who understands her dream of having an adventure instead of sitting on a throne.

J GN  
WEIR, I

Anne of West Philly  
Ivy Noelle Weir



In this modern retelling of Anne of Green Gables, Anne is fostered into the West Philly home of siblings Marilla and Matthew, and while she initially has a hard time at school, she ends up joining the robotics team and competes for a spot in an elite STEM program.

## MORE GRAPHIC NOVELS:

Jukebox | J GN Chanani

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales

| J GN Hale

Pawcasso | J GN Lai

Snapdragon | J GN Leyh

Allergic | J GN Lloyd

Click | J GN Miller

Magic Treehouse | J GN Osborne

Astronuts | J GN Scieszka



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my thing!"

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## Recommended Reads

# Graphic Novels



Aurora  
Public  
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J GN  
ALEX, K



Booked  
Kwame Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

J GN  
DOUY, S



Sorceline  
Sylvia Douyé

Welcome to the Island of Vorn, where mythical creatures roam free and only the brightest students are invited to study them. In Book 1, a gifted young cryptozoologist-in-training must learn to tame powerful beasts—including her own inner demons.

J GN  
KIBU, A



The Rema Chronicles: Realm of the Blue Mist

Amy Kim Kibuishi

Tabby is determined to learn what happened to her father, who was found dead after researching a tree that leaks a mysterious mist. She is led to Rema, a distant world of magic and beauty. As she learns more about this strange world, Tabby discovers that she is destined for something far greater than she ever could have imagined.

J GN  
BARN, M



The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza  
Mac Barnett & Shawn Harris

Something terrible is happening in the skies! Rats are eating the Moon! There's only one hero for the job! And that hero is...a cat. A cat who will be blasted into space! Accompanied by the imperious Moon Queen and LOZ 4000, the First Cat in Space journeys across a fantastic lunar landscape in a quest to save the world.

J GN  
FAJA, K



Miss Quinces  
Kat Fajardo

Sue just wants to spend the summer reading and making comics at sleepaway camp with her friends, but instead she gets stuck going to Honduras to visit relatives with her parents and two sisters. The trip takes a turn for the worse when Sue's mother announces that they'll be having a surprise quinceañera for Sue, which is the last thing she wants.

J GN  
LAPE, E



Rabbit Chase  
Elizabeth LaPensée

Aimée, a non-binary Anishinaabe middle-schooler, is on a class trip to offer gifts to Paayehnsag, the water spirits known to protect the land. When Aimée accidentally wanders off, they are transported to an alternate dimension populated by traditional Anishinaabe figures in a story inspired by Alice in Wonderland.

J GN  
BITT, N



Arcade World 1: Dino Trouble  
Nate Bitt

Travis and Journey are best friends who love going to Arcade World, a mysterious arcade filled with video games no one has ever heard of, so when they learn the danger of the games coming to life they must save the world from pixelated Minibosses.

J GN  
GALL, G



Freestyle  
Gale Galligan

While preparing for the last major dance competition before they graduate from eighth grade and go to separate high schools in NYC, Cory must balance the expectations of his parents, school, crew and his new friend as pressure mounts from all sides.

J GN  
MARK, C



Sloth Sleuth  
Cyndi Marko

On an island crawling with crime, everyone's a suspect. Luckily, its resident sloth can solve crimes in her sleep (and often does!). Meet Paz, the world's first sloth sleuth. She may be slow . . . but she's always one step ahead of the bad guys.

J GN  
CHRI, J



Swim Team  
Johnnie Christmas

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school-until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy, yet she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help.

J GN  
GONZ, C



Invisible  
Christina Diaz Gonzales

Five very different students are forced together by their school to complete community service... and may just have more in common than all being Spanish speakers. When they meet someone who truly needs their help, they must decide whether they are each willing to expose their own secrets to help...or if remaining invisible is the only way to survive middle school.

J GN  
PAUL, B



Garlic & the Vampire  
Bree Paulsen

Garlic must believe in herself to confront a bloodthirsty vampire who has moved into a nearby castle, in this humorous and heartwarming story that reminds readers that strangers are not always as scary as they seem.