

## Graphic Novels

### **Bone: Out of Boneville by Smith**

**YA SmitJ**

The *Bone* adventures tell the story of a young bone boy, Fone Bone, and his two cousins, Phoney Bone and Smiley Bone, who are banned from their homeland of Boneville. When the cousins find themselves mysteriously trapped in a wonderful but often terrifying land filled with secrets and danger - and special new friendships - they are soon caught up in adventures beyond their wildest dreams.

### **Zeus: King of the Gods by O'Connor**

**YA O'ConG**

O'Connor's vibrant, kinetic art brings ancient tales to undeniable life, in a perfect fusion of super-hero aesthetics and ancient Greek mythology. Volume 1 of OLYMPIANS, ZEUS: King of THE GODS, introduces readers to the ruler of the Olympian Pantheon, telling his story from his boyhood to his ascendance to supreme power.

### **The Arrival by Tan**

**YA TanS**

In this wordless graphic novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family.

### **The Singing Bones by Tan**

**YA TanS**

Inspired by Grimms' fairy tales. Wicked stepmothers, traitorous brothers, cunning foxes, lonely princesses: There is no mistaking the world of the Brothers Grimm and the beloved fairy tales that have captured generations of readers. Now internationally acclaimed artist Shaun Tan shows us the beautiful, terrifying, amusing, and downright peculiar heart of these tales as never before seen.

### **Sisters by Telgemeier**

**YA TelgR**

Raina uses her signature humor and charm in both present-day narrative and perfectly placed flashbacks to tell the story of her relationship with her sister, which unfolds during the course of a road trip from their home in San Francisco to a family reunion in Colorado.

### **Smile by Telgemeier**

**YA TelgR**

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly.

### **Star Wars: The Force Awakens by Wendig**

**YA WendC**

It's been three decades since the Rebel Alliance destroyed the Death Star and toppled the Galactic Empire — but now, on the remote planet Jakku, there is a stirring in the Force. A young scavenger named Rey...a deserting Stormtrooper named Finn...an ace pilot named Poe...and a dark apprentice named Kylo Ren... Their lives are about to collide as the awakening begins.

### **Malice by Chris Wooding**

**YA WoodC**

Three kids get trapped in the world of a deadly comic book in this middle-grade thriller from Chris Wooding.



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# RAVE READS

# FOR EIGHTH GRADE



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**Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo** **YA BardL**  
Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price--and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone...

**Of Fire and Stars by Coulthurst** **YA CouLA**  
Betrothed since childhood to the prince of Mynaria, Princess Denna has always known what her future holds. Her marriage will seal the alliance between Mynaria and her homeland, protecting her people from other hostile kingdoms. But Denna has a secret. She possesses an Affinity for fire--a dangerous gift for the future queen of a land where magic is forbidden. Now Denna has to learn the ways of her new kingdom while trying to hide her growing magic.

**The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe by Condie** **YA ConDA**  
Seeking to avenge the murder of her true love while on a dredge ship searching for gold, fifteen-year-old captain Poe Blythe becomes the architect of new defenses designed to destroy her enemies.

**Killing November by Mather** **YA MathA**  
November arrives at a secluded school where students train to become spies and assassins. When she finds herself at the center of a murder investigation, November must find the true killer before she becomes the next victim.

**The Belles by Clayton** **YA ClayD**  
Camellia Beauregard is a Belle in the world of Orléans, where Belles are revered because they control Beauty, a commodity valued over all others. Camellia wants to be the best Belle, the Queen, but as she gets closer to her goal, she learns the secrets behind her city's facades are more dangerous than she knew. **First in a series.**

**The Things She's Seen by Kwaymullina** **YA KwayA**  
The ghost of a girl who recently died in an accident makes contact with her grieving father to help solve a mystery in a remote Australian town, where a girl who speaks entirely in riddles is the only witness to a fatal fire.

**On the Come Up by Thomas** **YA ThomA**  
16-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. But as the daughter of an underground rap legend, Bri's got big shoes to fill. And with bills piling up and homelessness staring her family down, Bri no longer just wants to make it — she has to make it.

**To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Han** **YA HanJ**  
Lara Jean has never openly admitted her crushes, but instead wrote each boy a letter about how she felt, sealed it, and hid it in a box under her bed. But one day Lara Jean discovers that somehow her secret box of letters has been mailed, causing all her crushes from her past to confront her about the letters.

**Holes by Sachar** **YA SachL**  
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

**Under a Painted Sky by Lee** **YA LeeS**  
Missouri, 1849: Samantha dreams of moving back to New York to be a professional musician—not an easy thing if you're a girl, and harder still if you're Chinese. But a tragic accident dashes any hopes of fulfilling her dream, and instead, leaves her fearing for her life. With the help of a runaway slave named Annamae, Samantha flees town for the unknown frontier. But life on the Oregon Trail is unsafe for two girls, so they disguise themselves as Sammy and Andy, two boys headed for the California gold rush.

**A Wrinkle in Time by L'Engle** **YA L'EngM**  
Everyone in town thinks Meg is volatile and dull-witted, that her younger brother Charles Wallace is dumb, and that their father has run off and left their brilliant scientist mother. Spurred on by these rumors, Meg and Charles Wallace, along with their new friend Calvin, embark on a perilous quest through space to find their father. In doing so they must travel behind the shadow of an evil power that is darkening the cosmos, one planet at a time.

**I am Number Four by Lore** **YA LoreP**  
In rural Ohio, friendships and a beautiful girl prove distracting to a fifteen-year-old who has hidden on Earth for ten years waiting to develop the Legacies, or powers, he will need to rejoin the other six surviving Garde members and fight the Mogadorians who destroyed their planet.

**Hope and Other Punch Lines by Buxbaum** **YA BuxbJ**  
Accidentally famous due to a baby photo taken during the terrorist attacks on September 11, Abbi wants nothing more than anonymity. Being the camp counselor to a bunch of 4-year-olds seems perfect, until a boy named Noah shows up and changes everything.

**The Gilded Wolves by Chokshi** **YA ChokR**  
Paris, 1889: The Exposition Universelle has breathed new life into the streets and dredged up ancient secrets. And no one keeps tabs on secrets better than treasure-hunter Séverin Montagnet-Alarie. But when an all-powerful society seeks him out for help, Séverin is offered a treasure that he never imagined: His true inheritance.

**Between shades of gray by Sepetys** **YA SepeR**  
Lina is just like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941. She paints, she draws, she gets crushes on boys. Until one night when Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, forced onto a crowded and dirty train car, Lina, her mother, and her young brother slowly make their way north, crossing the Arctic Circle, to a work camp in the coldest reaches of Siberia. Here they are forced, under Stalin's orders, to dig for beets and fight for their lives under the cruelest of conditions.

**The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan** **YA RiorR**  
After their father's "research experiment" at the British Museum unleashes the Egyptian god Set, Carter and Sadie Kane embark on a dangerous journey across the globe--a quest which brings them ever closer to the truth about their family, and their links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

**The Giver by Lowry** **YA LowrL**  
Twelve-year-old Jonas lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.

**The Hunger Games by Collins** **YA CollS**  
In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she steps forward to take her sister's place in the Games. But Katniss has been close to dead before - and survival, for her, is second nature.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by Rowling** **YA RowlJ**  
When Harry is summoned to attend an infamous school for wizards, and he begins to discover some clues about his illustrious birthright. From the surprising way he is greeted by a loveable giant, to the unique curriculum and colorful faculty at his unusual school, Harry finds himself drawn deep inside a mystical world he never knew existed and closer to his own noble destiny.

**Inkheart by Funke** **YA FunkC**  
One cruel night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called *Inkheart*-- and an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. Suddenly, Meggie is in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about, and must learn to harness the magic that has conjured this nightmare. For only she can change the course of the story that has changed her life forever.

**Maze Runner by Dashner** **YA Dash**  
Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

**Born Wicked by Spotswood** **YA SpotJ**  
In an alternate New England of 1900, where the Brotherhood dominates and controls society, sixteen-year-old Cate Cahill has struggled since her mother's death to keep secret that she and her younger sisters are witches, but when a governess arrives from the Sisterhood, everything changes. **First in a series.**

**Geekerella by Poston** **YA PostA**  
Geek girl Elle Wittimer lives and breathes Starfield, the classic sci-fi series she grew up watching with her late father. So when she sees a cosplay contest for a new Starfield movie, she has to enter. The prize? An invitation to the ExcelsiCon Cosplay Ball, and a meet-and-greet with the actor slated to play Federation Prince Carmindor in the reboot. With savings from her gig at the Magic Pumpkin food truck (and her dad's old costume), Elle's determined to win...unless her stepsisters get there first.

**The Girl from Everywhere by Heilig** **YA HeilH**  
Nix has grown up on her father's pirate ship, hopping across time using maps from other eras. They finally make it to 1868 Honolulu, around the time that Nix was born and that her mother died. Nix has to deal with the historical uprising of the white plantation owners, the worry that she might no longer exist if they go back to prevent her mother's death, and her father's erratic behavior.

**Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie by Sonnenblick** **YA SonnJ**  
Steven is a typical eighth grader, until his younger brother, Jeffrey, is diagnosed with leukemia, and life as he knows it begins to unravel.