

## 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/Ross

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.



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# RAVE READS FOR NINTH GRADE



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**A Conspiracy of Stars by Olivia Cole** **YA ColeO**  
Octavia dreams of the day she joins her parents as a whitecoat, an elite N'Terra scientist who studies the wondrous natural world of their adopted planet, Faloi. However, her surprising early internship in the secret labs reveals some scientists' experiments have sinister motives threatening their tenuous peace with the Faloi.

**13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher** **YA AshJ**  
When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

**Child of the Dark Prophecy by T.A. Barron** **YA BarT**  
In accordance with prophecy, Avalon's existence is threatened in the year that stars stop shining and at the time when both the dark child and Merlin's heir are to be revealed.

**Going Bovine by Libba Bray** **YA Bray**  
Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen year-old who, after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure.

**Look Both Ways by Alison Cherry** **YA CherA**  
The story of a girl who apprentices at a summer theater festival hoping she's finally found a place to belong only to learn that neither talent nor love is as straightforward as she think

**City of Bones by Cassandra Clare** **YA ClarC**  
When fifteen-year-old Clary Fray heads out to the Pandemonium Club in New York City, she hardly expects to witness a murder—much less a murder committed by three teenagers covered with strange tattoos and brandishing bizarre weapons. Soon Clary is introduced to the world of the Shadowhunters, a secret cadre of warriors dedicated to driving demons out of our world and back to their own.

**Lion and Little by Brandy Colbert** **YA ColbB**  
When Suzette comes home to Los Angeles from her boarding school in New England, she's isn't sure if she'll ever want to go back. But as she settles into her old life, Suzette finds herself falling for someone new...the same girl her brother is in love with. When Lionel's disorder spirals out of control, Suzette is forced to confront her past mistakes and find a way to help her brother.

**Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi** **YA AdeyT**  
Eleven years ago, magic was lost and Maji, Diviners blessed by the gods, were killed by the King, including Zolie's mother a once great Reaper. Now Zolie, with the help of her brother Tzain and the rogue princess Amari, must restore magic to Orisha before it is lost forever.

**Life of Pi by Yann Martel** **YA MarY**  
When Pi is 16 his parents decide to escape India for a better life. Their journey has just begun when the ship sinks. Only Pi survives, adrift in a lifeboat with the unlikeliest of companions: a zebra, an orangutan, a hyena, and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger named Richard Parker.

**The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins** **YA CollS**  
The Hunger Games is a 2008 dystopian novel by the American writer Suzanne Collins. It is written in the voice of 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives in the future, post-apocalyptic nation of Panem in North America. The Capitol, a highly advanced metropolis, exercises political control over the rest of the nation.

**The Maze Runner by James Dashner** **YA DashJ**  
When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone. Outside the towering stone walls that surround them is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive. Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying. *Remember. Survive. Run.*

**Sweet by Emmy Laybourne** **YA LaybE**  
The luxurious celebrity cruise launching the trendy new diet sweetener Solu should be the vacation of a lifetime. It takes a horrifyingly wrong turn when the gig becomes an expose on the shocking side effects of Solu.

**The Cruel Prince by Holly Black** **YA BlacH**  
Violently taken from her human home, Jude has struggled to navigate the dark world of the Fae. Jaded from years of being viewed as inferior for being human, she publicly challenges the wicked Prince Cardan and his friends, unleashing the prince's wrath upon her and her sisters.

**Turtles All the Way Down by John Green** **YA GreeJ**  
Solving the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett would bring a hundred-thousand-dollar reward. Aza and her best friend, Daisy, are eager to investigate. They navigate the short distance from their homes in Indianapolis, as well as the broad social divides, that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis. But Aza is living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts. Still hurting from the death of her father years ago, she's crippled by 'thought spirals' and the irrational, obsessive fear she has of microbes and bacteria.

**Ace of Shades by Amanda Foody** **YA FoodA**  
When Enne's mother disappears, she heads to the City of Sin, New Reynes, determined to track her down. Enne's only clue takes her to the Iron Lord, gang leader. But the City of Sin is filled with games. To get back her mother, Enne must play, no matter the cost.

**My Plain Jane by Cynthia Hand** **YA HandC**  
Jane Eyre sees ghosts which attracts the attention and a job offer from a supernatural investigator. However, Jane accepts a governess position with the mysterious Mr. Rochester which leads her best friend and aspiring author, Charlotte Bronte, to join in a mission to solve a mystery and save Jane.

**Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson** **YA AndeL**  
A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school..

**Sabriel by Garth Nix** **YA NixG**  
Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead. Abhorsen Trilogy Book One.

**Carve the Mark by Veronica Roth** **YA RothV**  
Cyra Noavek and Akos Kereseth have grown up in enemy countries locked in a long-standing fight for dominance over their shared planet. When Akos and his brother are kidnapped by the ruling Noavek family, Akos is forced to serve Cyra, the sister of a dictator who governs with violence and fear. Living on a violent planet where everyone develops a unique power to shape the future, Akos and Cyra resent gifts that render them vulnerable to others' control before they become unlikely survival partners.

**Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater** **YA StieM**  
In all the years she has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house, Grace has been particularly drawn to an unusual yellow-eyed wolf who, in his turn, has been watching her with increasing intensity.

**Dread Nation by Justina Ireland** **YA IreJ**  
In post-Civil War America where the dead have refused to stay buried, Jane has spent her entire life training in a special combat school for African American children, preparing to save the lives of the wealthy. When entire families go missing, she learns her combat skills are incredibly useful- against both the dead and the living.

**Not if I Save You First by Ally Carter** **YA CartA**  
Six years ago Maddie lived in Washington D.C. with her father, a Secret Service agent assigned to the President's family. Her best friend was Logan, the President's son. After her father was wounded in an attempted kidnapping, the two of them moved to a remote cabin in Alaska and Logan never replied to her letters. Now he has suddenly turned up on her doorstep, and while she has no intention of forgiving him for his silence, she soon realizes that she has to help save him from the winter wilderness and the men who are pursuing him.

**A Light Too Brite by Samuel Miller** **YA MiIlS**  
Arthur Louis Pullman the Third, the troubled grandson of a famously reclusive Beat-generation writer, sets out on a cross-country train journey to discover to truth behind the last week of his grandfather's life. Puzzles and poetry lead to self-discovery in this dynamic incarnation of the great American road trip novel.

**Foolish Hearts by Emma Mills** **YA MiIlE**  
When Claudia finds herself ensnared in a school production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, she must also navigate the elaborate politics of her private girls' school, her budding friendship with prickly Iris, and a charming, tentative romance in addition to family drama in this funny, feel-good contemporary novel.

**Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card** **YA CardO RL**  
Once again, the Earth is under attack. An alien species is poised for a final assault. The survival of humanity depends on a military genius who can defeat the aliens. But who? Ender Wiggin is brilliant, ruthless, and cunning, a tactical and strategic master, and a child. Recruited for military training by the world government, Ender's childhood ends the moment he enters his new home: Battle School.

**The Naturals by Jennifer Barnes** **YA BarnJ**  
17 year old Cassie, who has a natural ability to read people, joins an elite group of profilers at the FBI to help solve cold cases.