



Suggested Graphic Novels and Nonfiction for Adults

Barnes, Sierra

Hans Vogel Is Dead: Volume One

When a German fighter pilot is shot down and dies during a WWII air raid over London, it's only the beginning of his journey. A fairytale exploration of responsibility in a totalitarian state.

Chugong

Solo Leveling

He's the lowest-ranked fighter... then a disaster gives him amazing power.

Due, Tananarive

The Keeper

Aisha keeps losing people. With so little she can depend on, can she trust a monster?

Endo, Tatsuya

Spy X Family

A renowned spy needs a family for a special assignment—and fast!

Flowers, Ebony

Hot Comb

The lives of a young Black woman, her family, and her community in the Baltimore suburbs as seen through hair care and styling.

Fujita, Artur

Wotakoi: Life is Hard for Otaku

Two nerds at work develop a friendship.

Gaku, Keito

Boys Run the Riot

A transgender boy and a delinquent create an alternative-fashion brand.

Gavino, Kate

A Career in Books

Three Asian American women get entry-level publishing jobs and find out a forgotten award-winning writer is their neighbor; all draw strength from each other to pursue their dreams.

Goto, Hiromi

Shadow Life

Kumiko's daughters found her a nice nursing home, but Kumiko leaves it for an apartment, independence, friends—and a shadowy being stalking her.

Matsumoto, Naoya

Kaiju No. 8

The clean-up guy starts battling giant monsters after becoming a monster himself.

McKinney, L. L

Nubia: Real One

When Nubia uses her Wonder Woman-like abilities, people see her as a threat—but she must risk it all for truth, love, and justice when her friend is targeted by a boy from a powerful family.

Mori, Kaoru

A Bride's Story

A young woman in 19th-century central Asia joins a new family. Illustrated with lush art.

Moxiangtongxiu

Grandmaster of Demonic Cultivation

In this light novel series, demon-fighting magical warrior Wei Wuxian dies seemingly a villain, is secretly resurrected, and rejoins frenemy-or-true-love Lan Wangji, war again on the horizon.

Ohba, Tsugumi

Death Note

A teen finds a secret way to kill criminals—he's the good guy, right?

Okorafor, Nnedi

LaGuardia

A pregnant doctor flies from Nigeria to New York City to have her baby and protect an alien with help from her grandmother and like-minded neighbors.

Ōono, Kōsuke

The Way of the Househusband

A former gang leader marries a businesswoman and becomes a highly driven househusband.

Rowser, Jamila

Wash Day Diaries

The stories of four best friends through deeply personal portraits of Black hair care.

Shammas, Nadia

Where Black Stars Rise

Amal struggles to be honest about herself with her therapy patient, Yasmin, who has schizophrenia. When Yasmin goes missing, Amal follows—into the world of horror story collection The King in Yellow.

Tamaki, Mariko

Roaming

Dani and Zoe, friends since childhood, and Fiona, Dani's formidable new friend, visit NYC as first-year college students on spring break. When Zoe and Fiona get involved, tensions flare.

Yazawa, Ai

Nana

For sweet Nana K and rocker Nana O, who quickly become best friends while moving to Tokyo, new adulthood and big city life are both tumultuous and glam.

Yuzaki, Sakaomi

She Loves to Cook, and She Loves to Eat

Nomoto cooks a lot but lives alone; she starts sharing her food with neighbor Kasuga and they build a refuge from daily stresses by dining together.



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Author/Artist: Itō, Junji

Intense horror stories with intricate and powerful art.

GRAPHIC NONFICTION

305.3 BON

A Quick & Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns

Best friends Archie, a nonbinary artist, and Tristan, a cisgender man, talk pronouns, supporting nonbinary folks, and navigating life for nonbinary people.

305.8 KEN

Stamped from the Beginning: A Graphic History of Racist Ideas in America

Ibram X. Kendi's National Book Award-winning history of how racist ideas have shaped American life and those who have worked to dismantle them, adapted by historian and graphic novelist Joel Christian Gill.

306.362 HAL

Wake: The Hidden History of Women-Led Slave Revolts

Rebecca Hall uncovers and reconstructs records of women-led revolts in New York City and uprisings during the transatlantic slave trade.

306.76 CRI

Queer As All Get Out: 10 People Who've Inspired Me

Shelby Criswell discusses their life as a genderqueer person in the American South, inspired to live their truth by historical LGBTQIA+ people, ten of whose extraordinary lives they cover in this book.

306.7663 CREWES

The Times I Knew I Was Gay

Between awkward, difficult, or funny moments, Ellie learns coming out is something that keeps

happening when you take the time to find out who you really are.

306.7663 DE LA CRUZ

I'm a Wild Seed

Sharon Lee De La Cruz reflects on how a patriarchal, colonial society caused her late bloom into queerness, who and what shaped her LGBTQ identity, and her place in queer, racial history.

306.768 KAYE

Super Late Bloomer

Julia Kaye uses her webcomic to process the everyday and profound in her early months of transitioning.

306.768 KAYE

My Life in Transition

Julia Kaye shares six months of her life, out and trans.

709.2 KUSAMA

Kusama: The Graphic Novel

Vibrant biography of Yayoi Kusama and her struggles with mental illness and the art world, including her beginnings in rural Japan, her rise to fame in 1960s NYC and rivalry with Andy Warhol.

741.5 FAH

Yes, I'm Hot in This: The Hilarious Truth About Life in a Hijab

Muslim American cartoonist Huda Fahmy snapshots the realities of her daily life, with wit and honesty.

968 CON

All Rise: Resistance and Rebellion in South Africa 1910-1948

Six true stories of pre-apartheid resistance by working-class people, illustrated by South African artists.

B BELL

The Talk

Pulitzer Prize winner Darrin Bell examines crucial moments in his life related to "the talk" his mother had with him as a child about life-

endangering ways white people see Black boys and men.

B KOBABE

Gender Queer: A Memoir

Maia Kobabe shares eir gender journey from childhood onward, from uncertainty and isolation, figuring out pronouns and coming out as nonbinary and asexual, to navigating life as emself.

B MONTAGUE

Maybe an Artist

Liz Montague, one of the first Black women cartoonists published in the New Yorker (at age 22!), tells her story of growing up in a largely white suburb, struggling with dyslexia, and finding her passion.

B SABAANEH

Power Born of Dreams: My Story Is Palestine

A bird brings Palestinian political prisoner Mohammad Sabaaneh stories of other Palestinians, which they thread together in solidarity.

B SPOONER

The High Desert

James hates moving back to a town where he is so conscious of his isolation and Blackness as a mixed-race teen. The punk scene seems to turn his life around, but tragedy and violence are on the horizon.

B THAPP

Feelings: A Story in Seasons

Cycling moods follow the passage of a year in elemental metaphor.

Author/Artist: Nagata, Kabi

Intimate memoirs about being a lesbian with mental illnesses.