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.