

Suggested Graphic Novels and Nonfiction for

Children

Ata, Isamin Omar

Nayra and the Djinn

Nayra is struggling with friendship, school bullies, and her family's expectations. A djinn from Islamic folklore appears and offers help with her troubles.

Case, Jonathan

Little Monarchs

Elvie and biologist Flora follow monarchs across the former American West, making monarch wings into an antidote to this future's lethal sun sickness, trying to find a vaccine for everyone.

Chmakova, Svetlana

Awkward

Peppi Torres wants to know—in the chaos of middle school, can battle lines ever be undrawn?

Christmas, Johnnie

Swim Team

Bree navigates her fear of swimming with help from a new neighbor. When the swim team counts on her for the championship, she finds out where swimming, Black history and identity meet.

Chau, Alina

Marshmallow & Jordan

Jordan is captain of her school's basketball team but since an accident, she has been paralyzed from the waist down and unable to compete. She finds a new friend in a mysterious elephant.

Elliott, Rachel

The Real Riley Mayes

A creative 5th grader learns to embrace all the things that make yourself special.

Escabasse, Sophie

Witches of Brooklyn (Witches of Brooklyn)

Life in Brooklyn changes for Effie when she discovers her aunts can perform acts of secret magic. Does Effie possess magical talents as well?

Fernández, Kelly

jjManu!!

Mischievous Manu has no end of fun at a school for girls with magical abilities in the Dominican Republic, but what can she do when her magical antics get her in deep trouble?

Khor, Shing Yin

The Legend of Auntie Po

Mei tells tales of Paul Bunyan as Chinese matriarch Auntie Po to imagine a place in myth for immigrants like her family, amid racial tumult in an 1885 Sierra Nevada logging camp.

Kniivila, Irma

Everyday Hero Machine Boy

Machine Boy falls from the sky into Mega 416, destroying everything until Karate Grandpa intervenes. Machine Boy's heart changes, but what do you owe others and yourself as a hero?

LaPensée, Elizabeth

Rabbit Chase

Aimée, a nonbinary Anishinaabe student, wanders off on a class trip; they must ally with traditional Anishinaabe figures to fight dark water spirits and the threat of land development and get back home.

Larson, Hope

Goldie Vance (Goldie Vance)

A teen pursues her dream of becoming the hotel detective at the

timeless Florida resort where she lives, driving fast cars into and out of trouble with friends and sweet new connections. 5 volumes.

Layne, Aliza

Beetle & the Hollowbones

Young witch-in-training Beetle asks her former friend Kat for help. Kat's sorceress aunt plans to destroy the mall, trapping Beetle's best friend, Blob Ghost.

Leyh, Kat

Snapdragon

Young Snap believes a witch is living outside her small town. Even if the rumors may not be true, the truth may still be stranger than fiction...

McDonald, Kel

The Woman in the Woods and Other North American Stories (Cautionary Fables and Fairytales)

Indigenous creators bring fresh, funny takes on spine-tingling tales from across North America.

McGrane, Madeline

The Accursed Vampire and The Curse at Witch Camp

A witch cursed child vampire Dragoslava to serve her forever; they must find her spellbook or be turned into worms, but it may involve betraying people they value. Then summer camp brings new problems!

Nitori, Sasami

Wondercat Kyuu-chan (Wonder Cat Kyuu-chan)

A serious young man adopts a stray cat with special qualities! Every day is a surprise as they get to know and love each other.



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O'Neill, K

The Moth Keeper

A new caretaker for the village's sacred Moon Moths struggles with loneliness, duty, and connection.

Ortega, Claribel A

Frizzy

With the support of her best friend and her tía, Marlene learns to proudly wear her natural curls.

Ortiz, Amparo

Saving Chupie

On Violeta's first trip to Puerto Rico, her family won't let her help Abuelita reopen the restaurant Abuelita had to leave after Hurricane Maria. Violeta finds new friends and a chupacabra to protect.

Ostertag, Molly

D&D Dungeon Club: Roll Call

Jess and Olivia use their imaginations to go on adventures together. Olivia wants to expand their D&D campaign with new players, but will their friendship withstand new challenges?

Ramm, Meggie

Batcat

When Batcat needs to collect spell ingredients for getting rid of a ghost at home, bats reject them and cats won't help unless Batcat somehow becomes more like a cat. Who will accept Batcat as themself?

Rodriguez, Stephanie

Doodles from the Boogie Down

A Dominican American girl in the Bronx tries to pursue her dream of applying for a high school arts program, while juggling friendships, her mother, and her art teacher. Siegel, Mark

5 Worlds Vol. 1 The Sand Warrior (5 Worlds)

The Five Worlds are on the brink of extinction unless five mysterious beacons are lit. Unlikely heroes discover there's more to themselves—and more to their worlds—than meets the eye.

Smith, Niki

The Deep & Dark Blue

A political coup threatens twin siblings who find refuge as girls among magical priestesses. While Grayce eventually comes out as a trans girl, Hawke longs for his old life and revenge.

Song, Mika

Pizza My Heart (Norma and Belly)

Two busybody squirrels go on an adventure to find and eat something different and yummy.

Soontornvat, Christina

The Tryout

As two of the few kids of color at school, Christina and her best friend Megan encounter many forms of racism. Will competing for a spot on the cheerleading team end their friendship?

Stephens, Olivia

Artie and the Wolf Moon

Young Artie Irvin discovers she comes from a long line of werewolves!

Yee, Reimena

My Aunt Is a Monster

Safia thought being blind meant she would only have adventures through her audiobooks, but after she moves in with a mysterious aunt, Lady Whimsy, Safia goes on the journey of a lifetime!

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Period: The Quick Guide to Every Uterus

From Mayo Clinic Press Kids, a gender-inclusive guide to menstruation for anyone who has periods, with tips, tricks, medical explanations and answers for kids and caregivers.

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Noisemakers: 25 Women Who Raised Their Voices & Changed the World

25 artists provide tantalizing introductions to the fascinating lives of women who broke new ground in their fields from 1750 to today, and help you explore what you have in common with them!

J B MARTIN

Mexikid

Pedro is on the road trip of his life with his parents and eight siblings to move his amazing Abuelito—a "Jedi-Mexican-Batman/Catholic Hulk" who fought in the Mexican Revolution—from Mexico to the US!

J B SANTAT

A First Time for Everything: A True Story

Caldecott Award winner Dan Santat shares the tale of his class trip to Europe and how he emerged from his shell. Includes the QR code for a playlist of a mixtape from his French exchange student housemate!

