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Akissi: More Tales of Mischief

by Marguerite Abouet, illustrated by Mathieu Sapin

FLYING EYE BOOKS, 2019
ISBN: 9781912497171

This spirited hero's sweet, everyday adventures are based on the author's childhood in Ivory Coast. (*Part of a series.*)

j GRAPHIC NOVEL AKISSI

Anti/Hero

by Kate Karyus Quinn and Demitria Lunetta, illustrated by Maca Gil

DC COMICS, 2020
ISBN: 9781401293253

When a mysterious object forces opposites Piper and Sloane to switch bodies, the heroes must work to accept each other's differences. Could they become friends after all?

j GRAPHIC NOVEL DC

The Bad Guys: Dawn of the Underlord by Aaron Blabey

SCHOLASTIC, 2020
ISBN: 9781338329483

Traditional storybook "bad guys" Mr. Wolf, Mr. Snake, Mr. Piranha, and Mr. Shark have saved the world from evil and are ready to celebrate—but then Mr. Snake discovers something that will rip their whole party apart. (*Part of a series.*)

j FIC BLABEY

Bear

by Ben Queen, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton

ARCHAIA, 2020
ISBN: 9781684155316

Bear, a seeing eye dog, tries to find his way back home after losing his eyesight and being tricked by malicious raccoons.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL BEAR

Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice

by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Whitney Gardner

SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2019
ISBN: 9781534424562

A graphic biography of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg examines her life from her childhood through her days on the Supreme Court.

j New GRAPHIC NOVEL BECOMING

Black Heroes of the Wild West

by James Otis Smith

TOON BOOKS, 2020
ISBN: 9781943145515

Mary Fields, Deputy Marshal Bass Reeves, Bob Lemmons—three Black heroes of the American West are profiled in comic form in this exciting book with extensive back matter.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL BLACK

The Breakaways

by Cathy G. Johnson

FIRST SECOND, 2019
ISBN: 9781250196941

Shy, introverted Faith gets more than she bargained for when she is convinced to join her new middle school's soccer team, a group that excels at drama but not so much on the field.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL BREAKAWAYS

City of Secrets

by Victoria Ying

VIKING, 2020
ISBN: 9780593114483

Orphan Ever Barnes hides in the Switchboard Operating Facility, where, with the owner's daughter, he explores the building and uncovers the secrets that led to his father's murder.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL CITY

Click

by Kayla Miller

HMH, 2019
ISBN: 9781328707352

Olive navigates social dynamics in preparation for a fifth-grade performance, after her friends leave her to fend for herself. (*Part of a series.*)

j GRAPHIC NOVEL CLICK

Consent (for Kids!): Boundaries, Respect, and Being in Charge of You

by Rachel Brian

LITTLE, BROWN, 2020
ISBN: 9780316457736

An important primer for kids to prompt thinking and talking about setting boundaries and respecting others', with gender-neutral, empowering, and funny cartoons messages.

j 302 BRIAN

Diana: Princess of the Amazons

by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale, illustrated by Victoria Ying

DC COMICS, 2020
ISBN: 9781401291112

Young Diana, lonely on the island of Themyscira, creates a playmate out of clay but soon realizes something is very off about her new friend.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL DIANA

Doodleville

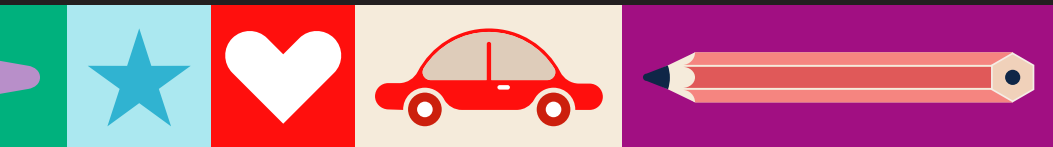
by Chad Sell

KNOPF, 2020
ISBN: 9781984894700

Drew's doodles love to explore the world beyond Drew's sketchbook, often causing mischief, but when her biggest doodle begins to destroy everything, Drew must understand her own feelings to get her doodle under control.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL DOODLEVILLE

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Glitch

by Sarah Graley

GRAPHIX, 2019
ISBN: 9781338174526

Sucked into the world of her video game, Izzy finds new friends and faces challenges while saving a virtual world that might impact Izzy's real life, too.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL GLITCH

Green Lantern: Legacy

by Minh Lê, illustrated by Andie Tong

DC COMICS, 2020
ISBN: 9781401283551

When 13-year-old Tai inherits the jade ring that belonged to his bà nội, he learns of his grandmother's secret identity as part of the Green Lantern Corps, interstellar peacekeepers. Now that it is Tai's turn to take the oath, can he fulfill the legacy while also protecting his family and neighbors?

j GRAPHIC NOVEL GREEN

Kitten Construction Company: A Bridge Too Fur

by John Patrick Green

FIRST SECOND, 2019
ISBN: 9781626728318

The kittens have been hired to design and build a bridge, and the kittens must overcome personal fears and their prejudices to work with a team of dog helpers to get the job done. *(Part of a series.)*

j GRAPHIC NOVEL KITTEN

Kodi

by Jared Cullum

TOP SHELF, 2020
ISBN: 9781603094672

While visiting her grandmother's Alaskan cottage, shy Katya befriends an injured bear that she names Kodi. When Katya returns home to Seattle, Kodi

follows in search of his best friend, causing mayhem and confusion until the two reunite.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL KODI

Lowriders Blast from the Past

by Cathy Camper, illustrated by Raúl the Third

CHRONICLE, 2018
ISBN: 9781452163161

Find out how Lupe, Flapjack, and Elirio first became friends and allies, overcoming Las Matamoscas, the bullies who are keeping girls out of their car club. *(Part of a series.)*

j GRAPHIC NOVEL LOWRIDERS

Measuring Up

by Lily LaMotte, illustrated by Ann Xu

HARPERALLEY, 2020
ISBN: 9780062973870

Cici has just moved from Taiwan to Seattle. She wants to make friends. She wants to be true to herself. She also misses her grandmother. A local cooking contest may provide the solution to all of Cici's problems.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL MEASURING

Mr. Wolf's Class

by Aron Nels Steinke

GRAPHIX, 2018
ISBN: 9781338047691

Mr. Wolf, a first-year teacher, gets to know his diverse group of anthropomorphized animal students in this series starter featuring realistic problems, reliably funny punchlines, and saturated full-color art. *(Part of a series.)*

j GRAPHIC NOVEL MR

My Video Game Ate My Homework

by Dustin Hansen

DC COMICS, 2020
ISBN: 9781401293260

Due to dyslexia, Dewey has trouble with school, and when his grade-saving science

project gets sucked into a VR game, he and his friends go into the video game for the adventure of a lifetime.

j New GRAPHIC NOVEL MY

Nat Enough

by Maria Scrivan

GRAPHIX, 2020
ISBN: 9781338538212

In her attempt to achieve popularity and win back her popularity-obsessed ex-BFF, Natalie discovers lots of things she is not great at—dancing, drama, sports—as well as friends who appreciate her the way she is. *(Part of a series.)*

j GRAPHIC NOVEL NAT

The Okay Witch

by Emma Steinkeller

ALADDIN, 2019
ISBN: 9781534431461

Upon learning her family's connection to town myths, thirteen-year-old loner Moth explores her heritage and local history along with newfound witching powers in this debut graphic novel.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL OKAY

The Postman from Space

by Guillaume Perreault

HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2020
ISBN: 9780823445196

A space postman has one wild day when he is given a new route that introduces him to all sorts of interesting people and creatures. Newspaper-comic-strip-style art makes this story perfect for readers new to the medium.

j New GRAPHIC NOVEL POSTMAN

Science Comics: Cats: Nature and Nurture

by Andy Hirsch

FIRST SECOND, 2019
ISBN: 9781250143136

Charming art and comedic interludes beguile the reader into a much deeper and

scientific understanding of not just how cats interact with the world but also the genetic and evolutionary processes that led to modern domestic felines. *(Part of a series.)*

j GRAPHIC NOVEL SCIENCE

Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer

by Gillian Goerz

DIAL, 2020
ISBN: 9780525552857

When they meet at a yard sale, fifth-graders Jamila and Shirley hatch a plan to get out of the summer camps their mothers signed them up for and band together in a neighborhood crime-solving partnership.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL SHIRLEY

Sincerely, Harriet

by Sarah Winifred Searle

GRAPHIC UNIVERSE, 2019
ISBN: 9781512440195

Harriet and her family are new to Chicago. Hoping to make new friends, Harriet meets an unlikely ally who provides companionship to Harriet as she copes with a chronic illness.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL SINCERELY

Snapdragon

by Kat Leyh

FIRST SECOND, 2020
ISBN: 9781250171122

There's a rumor that Snap's town has a witch, but really it's just a person named Jacks who has their own quirks. Snap and Jacks make a deal to help each other out, but Snap realizes along the way that Jacks may have real magic and a certain connection to Snap's family's past.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL SNAPDRAGON

Stargazing

by Jen Wang

FIRST SECOND, 2019
ISBN: 9781250183873

Free-spirited Moon shares a secret with conformist Christine about Moon's celestial visions, a revelation that soon becomes the major conflict in the girls' unlikely friendship.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL STARGAZING

Stepping Stones (Peapod Farm #1)

by Lucy Knisley

RANDOM HOUSE GRAPHIC, 2020; ISBN: 9780593125243

Forced to leave the city and live on a farm with her mother's new boyfriend and his family, Jen struggles to adjust to her new life and wonders if she will ever truly fit in with her new siblings.

(Part of a series.)

j GREAT STONE FACE BK

Twins

by Varian Johnson, illustrated by Shannon Wright

GRAPHIX, 2020
ISBN: 9781338236170

Identical twins Maureen and Francine adjust to starting middle school, sharing friends, and competing for student council votes. *(Part of a series.)*

j GRAPHIC NOVEL TWINS

White Bird: A Wonder Story

by R. J. Palacio

ALFRED A. KNOPF, 2019
ISBN: 9780525645535

Julian, the bully in Wonder, asks his grandmother to tell him the story of Julien, the classmate who saved her life by sheltering Julian's grandmere in his family's barn during World War II to hide her from Nazis.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL WHITE

The Witches: The Graphic Novel

by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Pénélope Bagieu

SCHOLASTIC, 2020
ISBN: 9781338677447

A cleverly illustrated interpretation of Roald Dahl's classic story of a child, his grandmother, and a nefarious plot to destroy the world's children.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL WITCHES

Witches of Brooklyn

by Sophie Escabasse

RANDOM HOUSE GRAPHIC, 2020
ISBN: 9780593125281

After her mother's death, Effie moves in with her two aunts and finds that life continues to take unexpected turns, including the most unexpected of all: she finds out she's a witch!

j GRAPHIC NOVEL WITCHES

Yorick and Bones

by Jeremy Tankard and Hermione Tankard, illustrated by Jeremy Tankard

HARPERALLEY, 2020
ISBN: 9780062854308

In this Shakespearean send-up told in iambic pentameter, Yorick reemerges desperate for a friend after hundreds of years underground, but he only manages to attract a pesky dog.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL YORICK

Zatanna and the House of Secrets

by Matthew Cody, illustrated by Yoshi Yoshitani

DC COMICS, 2020
ISBN: 9781401290702

Zatanna and her magician father live in a house filled with secrets, puzzles, and more—a magical ride of a story.

j New GRAPHIC NOVEL ZATANNA

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