

Middle Grade Graphic Novels

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Graphic novels have become increasingly popular. They may appeal to the reluctant reader and can be a good choice for avid readers as well, affording higher level vocabulary and practice with inferencing. Summer is a great time for students to enjoy this genre. This list is geared to children between the ages of eight and twelve.

Cazenove, Christophe. **The sisters**. Papercutz, 2016.

Summary: A collection of graphic novel stories highlighting the ups and downs of daily life with sisters Wendy and Maureen.

Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl**: the graphic novel. Hyperion Books for Children, 2007.

Summary: When Artemis Fowl learns of the existence of fairies, he concocts a plan to kidnap one and hold her hostage in order to exchange her for fairy gold.

Note: Series

Collar, Orpheus. **The red pyramid: the graphic novel**. Disney/Hyperion Books, 2012.

Summary: Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

Note: The Kane Chronicles Series

Duffy, Chris. **Fairy tale comics**. First Second, 2013.

Summary: Reimagines a selection of classic fairytales--like "Rapunzel," "Snow White," and "The Three Bears"--in comic form, featuring light-hearted antics in classic comic style.

Hale, Shannon. **Real friends**. First Second, 2017.

Summary: Author Shannon Hale writes about her experiences trying to make and be a friend from kindergarten through fifth grade and how difficult it was for her.

Holm, Jennifer L. **Babymouse**. Random House, 2005.

Summary: An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party.

Note: Series

Jamieson, Victoria. **Roller girl**. New York, NY, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Summary: Twelve-year-old Astrid discovers roller derby just as she and her best friend, Nicole, begin growing apart. Now Astrid must learn who she is--and how to be a Roller Girl--without Nicole.

McCormick, Scott. **Mr. Pants**. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014.

Summary: In this graphic novel, Mr. Pants wants to play laser tag on the last day of summer vacation but his mom and sisters have other ideas.

Note: Seri

Poe, Marshall. **A house divided**. Aladdin Paperbacks, 2009.

Summary: In the days before the start of the Civil War, two brothers join opposing camps, Abraham Lincoln's and John Brown's.

Note: Turning Points Series

Poe, Marshall. **Little Rock Nine**. Aladdin Paperbacks, 2008.

Summary: In this historical graphic novel, white teenager William McNally and his African American friend Thomas Johnson are caught in the middle of the segregation of Little Rock Central High School in 1957.

Note: Turning Points Series

Poe, Marshall. **Sons of liberty**. Aladdin Paperbacks, 2008.

Summary: A graphic novel set in Massachusetts before the revolution and up to Independence Day. Focuses on Nathaniel Smithfield who is growing up during that turbulent time and is faced with the choice of which side to support.

Note: Turning Points Series

Siegel, Mark. **5 worlds**. Random House, 2017.

Summary: Clumsy Sand Dancer student Oona Lee, poor slum kid A n Tzu, and beloved star athlete Jax Amboy are thrown together by a devastating attack. They must go on an epic quest across five interstellar worlds full of magic and adventure.

Note: Series