

**The Prince and the Dressmaker**

by Jen Wang

FIRST SECOND, 2018

ISBN: 9781626723634

Prince Sebastian's parents want him to pick a bride, but no one knows about Sebastian's deepest secret, until he befriends Frances, a dressmaker, who helps him find the courage to become Lady Crystallia.

**Princess Decomposia and Count Spatula**

by Andi Watson

FIRST SECOND, 2015

ISBN: 9781626721494

The overwhelmed princess of the underworld hires a vampire chef who becomes a close friend in this sweetly gothic, mildly spooky tale.

**Princess, Volume 1: Save Yourself**

by Jeremy Whitley,

illustrated by M. Goodwin

ACTION LAB

ENTERTAINMENT, 2014

ISBN: 9781939352545

Princess Adrienne rejects the stereotypes of being a princess, especially when her parents lock her away in a tower to be rescued by a handsome prince.

(FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**Sci-Fu**

by Yehudi Mercado

ONI PRESS, 2018

ISBN: 9781620104729

Hip-hop-loving, kung fu-obsessed Wax and company are unwittingly transported from Brooklyn to a funky alien planet. Wax must use his deejay skills to save the day and, oh yeah, impress his crush.

**Spill Zone**

by Scott Westerfeld,

illustrated by Alex Puvilland

FIRST SECOND, 2017

ISBN: 9781596439368

Addison and her sister, Lexa, have been on their own since something strange destroyed their city and killed their parents, and now selling photos of the odd happenings is the only way to survive—but will it also be what destroys Addison?

**Swing It, Sunny**

by Jennifer L. Holm

and Matthew Holm

GRAPHIX, 2017

ISBN: 9780545741705

In the sequel to *Sunny Side Up*, Sunny faces new challenges in middle school—missing her brother and struggling with changes everywhere. Sunny's positive attitude and a good friend will see her through, because she's determined to stay on top.

**Trickster:**

**Native American Tales**

A Graphic Collection

Edited by Matt Dembicki

FULCRUM, 2010

ISBN: 9781555917241

This collaborative effort by more than forty writers and artists presents more than twenty Native American trickster tales in graphic novel format.

**The Witch Boy**

by Molly Knox Ostertag

GRAPHIX, 2017

ISBN: 9781338089523

Aster was born into a magical family where all boys are expected to become shape-shifters, but Aster discovers he has a talent for witchcraft. Could revealing his secret help save a missing boy's life?



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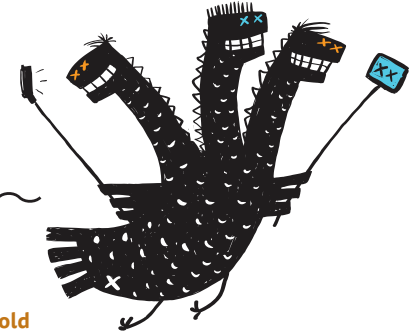


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### **All's Faire in Middle School** by Victoria Jamieson

DIAL BOOKS, 2017  
ISBN: 9780525429982

A girl starting middle school after being homeschooled by her Renaissance fair parents learns that being herself comes with challenges.

### **All Summer Long** by Hope Larson

FARRAR, STRAUS  
AND GIROUX, 2018  
ISBN: 9780374304850

This coming-of-age story follows 13-year-old Bina as she navigates her first summer without her best friend, Austin, by her side.

### **Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation**

by Anne Frank,  
adapted by Ari Folman,  
and illustrated  
by David Polonsky  
PANTHEON, 2018

ISBN: 9781101871799  
In this edition authorized by the Anne Frank Foundation, Polonsky's evocative illustrations support and enhance Anne's powerful story for a new generation.

### **Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova

YEN PRESS, 2015  
ISBN: 9780316381307

Peppi Torres is just trying to survive middle school, but an awkward encounter on the first day and a heated art-club-versus-science-club rivalry make her reconsider her rules.

(FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

### **Baba Yaga's Assistant**

by Marika McCoola,  
illustrated by Emily Carroll  
CANDLEWICK, 2015

ISBN: 9780763669614  
Masha relies on her grandmother's stories to help her complete a series of tasks for Baba Yaga.

### **Be Prepared** by Vera Brosgol

FIRST SECOND, 2018  
ISBN: 9781626724440

Jealous of her friends' experiences at summer camp, Vera begs her mother to let her go, too.

### **Child Soldier: When Boys and Girls Are Used in War**

by Jessica Day Humphreys  
and Michel Chikwanine,  
illustrated by Claudia Dávila  
KIDS CAN PRESS, 2015

ISBN: 9781771381260  
The autobiography of Michel Chikwanine explores his family's life in the Democratic Republic of Congo, his time as a child soldier, his father's activism, and Chikwanine's eventual emigration.

### **The Dumbest Idea Ever!** by Jimmy Gownley

GRAPHIX, 2014  
ISBN: 9780545453479

This graphic memoir recalls a time when Gownley, bedridden by chicken pox and pneumonia, overcame these and other preadolescent challenges by rediscovering his love of writing and drawing comics.

### **Estranged**

by Ethan M. Aldridge  
HARPERCOLLINS, 2018  
ISBN: 9780062653871

Neither the changeling from the land below nor the "human child" has felt as though they fit in after having been switched at birth. When they come together to defeat an evil sorceress, they discover that sometimes family is less about whom you were born to and more about whom you choose.

### **Fantasy Sports** by Sam Bosma

NOBROW PRESS, 2015  
ISBN: 9781907704802

A magical heroine and former mentor must defeat a mummy in a game of basketball to win a treasure. (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

### **Friends with Boys** by Faith Erin Hicks

FIRST SECOND, 2012  
ISBN: 9781596435568

A young homeschooler transitions to high school, along with the mystery of the ghost who has followed her most of her life.

### **Gaijin: American Prisoner of War** by Matt Faulkner

DISNEY-HYPERION, 2014  
ISBN: 9781423137351

Biracial American Koji Miyamoto struggles to stay true to himself during his time as an American prisoner of war in an internment camp during WWII.

### **Grand Theft Horse**

by G. Neri,  
illustrated by Corban Wilkin  
LEE & LOW, 2018  
ISBN: 9781620148556

A rookie horse-trainer challenges the norms of the horse-racing world and refuses to drug her extraordinary horse, standing up for the humane treatment of animals.

### **The Graveyard Book, Volume 1**

based on a novel  
by Neil Gaiman,  
adapted by P. Craig Russell  
HARPERCOLLINS, 2014  
ISBN: 9780062194817

This graphic adaptation of the Newbery Medal-winning novel tells the first half of the story about Nobody Owens, who is raised in a graveyard by ghosts after his parents are murdered.

### **Jane, the Fox and Me** by Fanny Britt, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault

GROUNDWOOD BOOKS, 2013  
ISBN: 9781554983605

Hélène delves deep into the world of Jane Eyre to escape the cruelty of her everyday life at school, until she meets a friend in an unlikely location.

### **Louis Undercover**

by Fanny Britt, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault

GROUNDWOOD BOOKS, 2017  
ISBN: 9781554988594

In this coming-of-age story, Louis and his brother spend a few summer weeks with their alcoholic father, taking comfort in each other and their shared wish for a simpler family life.

### **Lumberjanes, Volume 8: Stone Cold**

by Shannon Watters  
and Kat Leyh,  
illustrated by Carey Pietsch  
SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2018

ISBN: 9781684151325  
Surprised to find their fellow campers have been turned to stone, five best friends at summer camp team up to defeat the strange forces lurking within the surrounding forest. (PART OF A SERIES)

### **Making Friends** by Kristen Gudsruk

GRAPHIX, 2018  
ISBN: 9781338139228

An inherited magic notebook might be just the thing Danny needs to improve her disappointing seventh-grade experience.

### **Ms. Marvel: No Normal**

by G. Willow Wilson,  
illustrated by Adrian Alphona  
MARVEL, 2014

ISBN: 9780785190219  
Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City who stumbles upon superpowers and becomes the next Ms. Marvel! Is she ready to handle these huge powers while also staying true to her family, culture, and dreams? (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

### **New Kid**

by Jerry Craft  
HARPERCOLLINS, 2019

ISBN: 9780062691200  
Seventh-grader Jordan Banks struggles to fit in at his new upscale private school in Riverdale, New York, where he is one of the few kids of color in his grade.

### **Nimona**

by Noelle Stevenson  
HARPERTEEN, 2015

ISBN: 9780062278234  
Sassy shape-shifter Nimona is a sidekick to Lord Ballister Blackheart, a not-so-evil genius. Together they battle Blackheart's nemesis, Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin, the champion of the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics.

### **The Other Side of the Wall** by Simon Schwartz

GRAPHIC UNIVERSE, 2015  
ISBN: 9781467758406

Schwartz's graphic memoir recounts his family's life in communist East Berlin, their escape to the West, and his childhood growing up in West Berlin.

### **Pashmina** by Nidhi Chanani

FIRST SECOND, 2017  
ISBN: 9781626720886

Priyanka Das discovers a magical pashmina that connects her to her mother's past and India.

### **Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas**

by Jim Ottaviani, illustrated  
by Maris Wicks

FIRST SECOND, 2015  
ISBN: 9781250062932

The stories of three scientists and their groundbreaking work in the field with chimpanzees, gorillas, and orangutans.