# graphic novel reading list

some of the best graphic novels, old and new, selected by your school librarians.





## **Roller Girl**

Victoria Jamieson

Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for a summer camp, she's sure Nicole will be right by her side - until Nicole signs up for ballet camp instead, with Astrid's biggest rival.

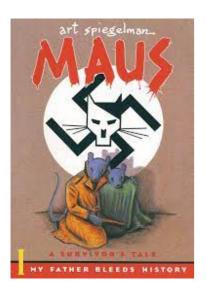
#### **Keywords:**

Coming of Age; Friendship

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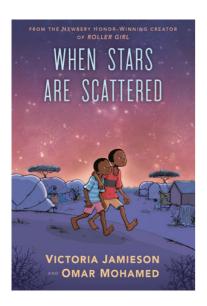
## **MAUS: A Survivor's Tale**

Art Spiegelman

By addressing the horror of the Holocaust through cartoons, the author captures the everyday reality of fear and is able to explore the guilt, relief and extraordinary sensation of survival - and how the children of survivors are in their own way affected by the trials of their parents.

## **Keywords:**

Holocaust; War & Conflict



# When Stars are Scattered

Omar Mohamed & Victoria Jamieson

A heart-wrenching true story about life in a Kenyan refugee camp that will restore your faith in real-life happy endings. Omar and his brother Hassan, two Somali boys, have spent a long time in the Dadaab refugee camp.

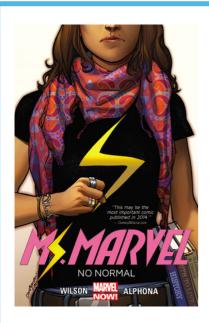
#### **Keywords:**

Migration; Refugees

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## Ms Marvel: No Normal

G. Willow Wilson & Adrian Alphona

Kamala Khan is an ordinary muslim girl from Jersey City until she is suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the allnew Ms. Marvel?

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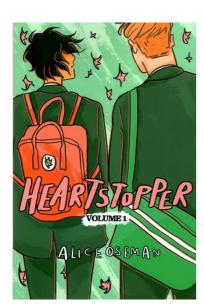
Marvel; Superhero

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# **Heartstopper Volume 1**

Alice Oseman

Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. An LGBTQ+ graphic novel about life, love, and everything that happens in between.

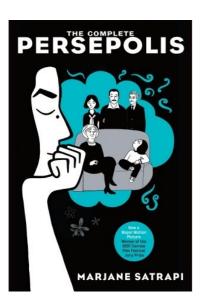
## **Keywords:**

Romance; LGBTQ+

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# **Persepolis**

Marjane Satrapi

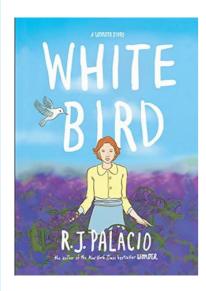
Persepolis is Marjane Satrapi's astonishing visual memoir of growing up in Iran. Intertwining the intimate with the political and compelling drama with warm, knowing humour.

#### **Keywords:**

Memoir; Middle East; Iran; Feminism

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## White Bird

R J Palacio

White Bird reveals a new side to Julian's (classroom bully in Wonder) story, as Julian discovers the moving and powerful tale of his grandmother, who was hidden from the Nazis as a young Jewish girl in occupied France during the Second World War.

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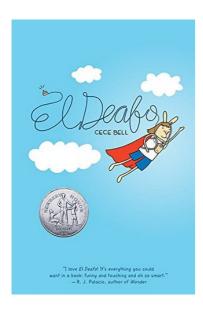
Friendship; Family; Biography

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AR Pts: 2.0



## El Deafo

Cece Bell

El Deafo chronicles the author's hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with a powerful and very awkward hearing aid called the Phonic Ear. It gives her the ability to hear--sometimes things she shouldn't--but also isolates her from her classmates.

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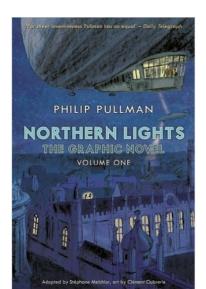
Deafness; Friendship; Bullying

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# **Northern Lights**

Philip Pullman

Lyra Belacqua lives half-wild and carefree among the scholars of Jordan College, with her daemon familiar always by her side. But the arrival of her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, draws her to the heart of a terrible struggle – a struggle born of Gobblers and stolen children, witch clans and armoured bears.

#### **Keywords:**

Adventure; Fantasy

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## Pavee and the Buffer Girl

Siobahn Dowd

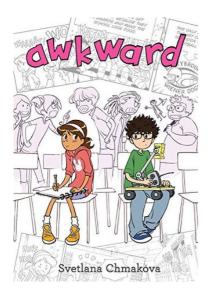
In school the Traveller kids suffer at the hands of teachers and other pupils alike, called 'tinker-stinkers', 'dirty gyps' and worse. Then the punches start. The only friendly face is Kit, a settled girl who takes Jim under her wing and teaches him to read in the great cathedral chamber of the cave below the town.

#### **Keywords:**

Schooling; Racism; GRT; Roma

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## **Awkward**

Svetlana Chmakova

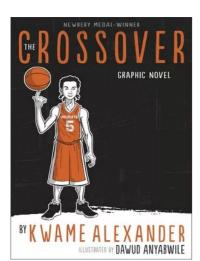
Cardinal rule #1 for surviving school: Don't get noticed by the mean kids. Cardinal rule #2 for surviving school: Seek out groups with similar interests and join them. By her first day at school, Penelope has already broken the first rule

## **Keywords:**

Bullying; Romance

#### **Accelerated Reader:**

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## The Crossover

Kwame Alexander

The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. 'Cuz tonight I'm delivering,' raps twelve-year-old Josh Bell. Thanks to their dad, he and his twin brother, Jordan, are kings on the basketball court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood - he's got mad beats, too, which help him find his rhythm when it's all on the line.

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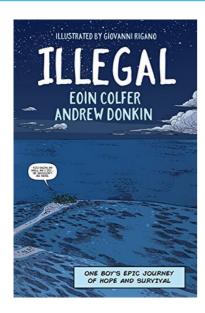
Music; Poetry; Basketball

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# Illegal

Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin

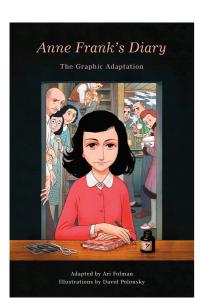
This is a powerful and timely story about one boy's epic journey across Africa to Europe. His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe.

## **Keywords:**

Migration; Refugees

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# **Anne Frank's Diary**

Anne Frank, Ari Folman and David Polonsky

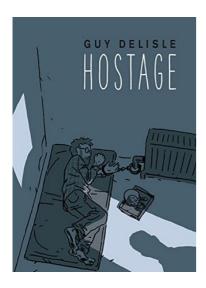
In the summer of 1942, fleeing the horrors of the Nazi occupation, Anne Frank and her family were forced into hiding in the back of an Amsterdam warehouse.

## **Keywords:**

Diary; Holocaust; Second World War

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# Hostage

Guy Delisle

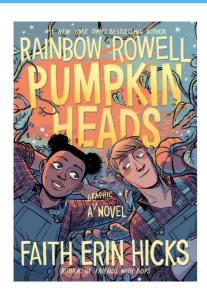
BlurbIn the middle of the night in 1997, Doctors Without Borders administrator Christophe Andre was kidnapped by armed men and taken away to an unknown destination in the Caucasus region. For three months, Andre was kept handcuffed in solitary confinement, with little to survive on and almost no contact with the outside world.

#### **Keywords:**

Journalsim; Kidnapping; Terrorism; Historical Fiction

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# **Pumpkinheads**

Rainbow Rowell

Life, love and pumpkins are explored in this typically quirky and endearing tale from the pen of Rainbow Rowell. A seasonal friendship goes out with a bang as moments are seized and bold decisions made.

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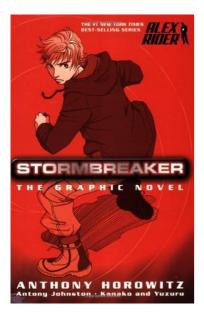
**Coming of Age; Romance** 

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## **Stormbreaker**

Anthony Horowitz, Kanako Damerum and Yuzuru Takasaki

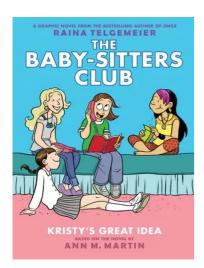
Forcibly recruited into MI6 after the mysterious death of his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex is sent to infiltrate the organization of a sinister billionaire. Within days he's gone from schoolboy to superspy - and it looks like his first assignment may be his last...

## **Keywords:**

Adventure; MI6; Spys

#### **Accelerated Reader:**

IL: MY BL: 3.8 AR Pts: 2.0



# **Babysitters Club: Kirsty's Great Idea**

Ann M Martin

Kristy, Mary Anne, Claudia, and Stacey are best friends and founding members of THE BABYSITTERS CLUB. Whatever comes up - cranky toddlers, huge dogs, scary neighbors, prank calls - you can count on them to save the day.

#### **Keywords:**

Coming of Age; Frienship

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