

Why read graphic novels?

They improve reading comprehension.

Graphic novels have text that readers must decode, analyze, and comprehend. Kids must follow plots and character development. They must understand cause and effect, and they must learn about perspective. All these things improve reading comprehension.

They are engaging.

Often, especially for reluctant readers, graphic novels add the extra support kids need to help them through a text. The combination of text and pictures provides context for stories that they may otherwise not completely understand.

They are high-quality reading material.

Just like traditional novels, graphic novels have exciting and complex plots, characters, and conflicts. The only difference is that graphic novels have more images to support the text.

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GRAPHIC NOVEL READING LIST



Little Mouse Gets Ready by Jeff Smith.

GN ER SMITH

Little Mouse gets dressed to go to the barn with his mother, brothers, and sisters.

Donut Feed the Squirrels by Mika Song.*

GN JF SONG M

Belly and Norma are the best of squirrels - or so they think. After discovering donuts for the first time, they are determined to get some for themselves, even if they have to outsmart the food truck driver to do it

Sleepless Knight by James Strum.*

GN E STURM

The Knight can't wait for her first camping trip. She and her horse Edward pack everything they need (including her beloved Teddy) and head out into the woods. But when it's time for bed, Teddy is nowhere to be found.

Fitz and Cleo by Jonathan Stutzman & Heather Fox.

GN JF STUTZM J

Ghost siblings and best friends Fitz and Cleo go to the beach, fly paper airplanes, play baseball, and adopt a cat.

Unlimited Squirrels in I Lost My Tooth by Mo Willems.*

GN ER WILLEM

Friends search for Zoom Squirrel's missing baby tooth.

Duck, Duck, Porcupine! by Salina Yoon.*

GN ER YOON

Big Duck likes to boss around her younger brother, Little Duck, and she fancies herself the leader of their trio when joined by their gentle friend Porcupine. Little Duck does not speak yet, but through his expressions and his actions, he shows that he has a better grasp on any situation than his older sister.

Peter and Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths by Graham Annable.*

GN JF ANNABL G

Peter and Ernesto are sloths, friends, and nothing alike. Ernesto decides to go off on an adventure alone. Will the pals' separation tear them apart or bring them closer together?

Noodleheads See the Future by Tedd Arnold *

GN ER ARNOLD

Brothers Mac and Mac Noodlehead exasperate Uncle Ziti, are fooled by their friend Meatball, and make a garden for their mother.

Gillbert the Little Merman by Art Baltazar. *

GN JF BALTAZ A

In the deepest part of the ocean lives a little sea creature named Gillbert. Gillbert is the son of King Nauticus, king of all the oceans. One day, Gillbert will be king. But in the meantime, his playful curiosity takes him away from the kingdom on a journey of discovery.

Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot by Cece Bell.*

GN ER BELL

Rule-following Chick and the absent-minded Brain's friendship is tested by miscommunications and misunderstandings about good manners.

The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey.*

GN JF BLABEY A

Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound - but their plan soon goes awry.

Bots: The Most Annoying Robots in the Universe by Russ Bolts.*

GN JF BOLTS R

When cameras sent from Earth finally arrive at the end of the universe, they discover big-hearted best friends Joe Bot and Rob Ot, as well as their nemesis, Tinny.

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton.*

GN JF CLANTO B

A happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish forge an unlikely friendship and share adventures while exploring the ocean together.

The Flying Beaver Brothers and the Evil Penguin Plan by Maxwell Eaton.*

GN JF EATON M

Two beavers thwart an evil plot by penguins who plan to turn Beaver Island into a frosty resort.

Hippopotamister by John Patrick Green.

GN JF GREEN J

Hippo and his friend Red Panda decide to leave their rundown zoo and look for jobs in the human world, where Hippo must disguise himself as Hippopotamister.

Little Robot by Ben Hatke.

GN JF HATKE B

A girl befriends a small robot and, armed only with her trusty wrench, has to keep it safe.

Benny and Penny in Lost and Found by Geoffrey Hayes.*

GN ER HAYES

Little mouse Benny is grouchy because he's lost his favorite hat. His sister, Penny, tags along to help him find it on a foggy morning.

What About Worms!? by Ryan Higgins.

GN ER HIGGIN

Tiger unwittingly helps some worms overcome their fear of tigers with a well-placed book, but will a wormy hug aid a fearful Tiger?

Johnny Boo: The Best Little Ghost in the World by James Kochalka.*

GN JF KOCHAL J

Johnny Boo and his pet Squiggle have the world's greatest ghost adventures!

Clara and Clem Take a Ride by Ethan Long.*

GN ER LONG

When Clara and Clem build a car out of blocks, they have no idea where it will take them. But with a little imagination, the two take the trip of a lifetime down winding roads, up tall mountains, and across the sky.

Hilda and the Troll by Luke Pearson.*

GN JF PEARSO L

Blue-haired Hilda explores the mountains around her home, befriendng the magical creatures who live there, and is caught in a snowstorm.

Baloney and Friends by Greg Pizzoli.

GN JF PIZZOL G

Meet Baloney! He's the star of this book, along with his best buddies: empathetic Peanut the horse, sensible Bizz the bumblebee, and grumpy Krabbit.

Owly: The Way Home by Andy Runton.*

GN JF RUNTON A

Owly is a good-natured little owl, and he's always helping those around him. But despite his kindness, he seems to frighten would-be friends away before they even give him a chance, just because he's an owl. That all changes, though, once Owly meets Wormy.

Fox and Chick: The Party and Other Stories by Sergio Ruzzier.*

GN ER RUZZIE

Fox is calm and thoughtful. Chick is hyperactive and flighty. They don't always agree, but they are friends anyway.

Ballet Cat: The Totally Secret Secret by Bob Shea.*

GN ER SHEA

While Ballet Cat and Sparkles the Pony are trying to decide what to play, they each share an important secret.