Graphic Novels Reading List

Grades K–2

The Adventures of Polo
by Regis Faller
Illustrated by the author
Cheery little pup Polo leaves his house in a tree and immediately sets out on a series of adventures: meeting a magical fish monarch, roasting hot dogs over the lava from a volcano, and even meeting little green beings from another planet.

Aw Yeah Comics! And... Action!
by Art Baltazar
Illustrated by Franco Aureliani
Adventure Bug, Action Cat and their friends battle evil and protect the innocent. First book in the series.

Barry’s Best Buddy
by Renée French
Illustrated by the author
Eisner-nominated French tries her hand at this book for emergent readers. Barry the bird and his friend Polarhog have several adventures, until one day Polarhog has a surprise for him.

Benjamin Bear in “Bright Ideas!”
by Philippe Coudray
Illustrated by the author
Benjamin Bear and his rabbit friend continue to engage their world in crazy ways and comment on it in this installment of the series.

Benny and Penny in Lost and Found
by Geoffrey Hayes
Illustrated by the author
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. Part of a series.

Bolivar
By Sean Rubin
Illustrated by the author
A young girl sets out to prove that her introverted neighbor is actually a dinosaur who visits museums and reads the New Yorker.

Brownstone’s Mythical Collection: Arthur and the Golden Rope
by Joe Todd-Stanton
Illustrated by the author
Flying Eye Books, 2016. 9781911171034.
This fast-paced retelling of Norse tale is packed with magical objects, powerful gods and mythical beasts to be conquered.

Benny’s Burgled Bakery: An Alliteration Adventure
by Travis Nichols
Illustrated by the author
Betty the panda’s animal amigos prove who pilfered her pastries in this raucous romp through an alliterative alphabet.

Binky: License to Scratch
by Ashley Spires
Illustrated by the author
Binky the space cat and his friends must escape from the vet’s office and save their humans in this final book of the Binky Adventure series.

Flop to the Top!
by Eleanor Davis and Drew Weing
Illustrated by the author
A selfie-taking, stardom obsessed young girl learns what’s important in life after her dog skyrockets to social media fueled fame instead of paying attention to her.
**Good Night, Planet**
by Liniers
Illustrated by the author
While his young owner sleeps, stuffed toy Planet joins a dog and a mouse in search of nocturnal adventure—and cookies. Also available in Spanish as Buenas noches, planeta. ISBN: 9781943145218.

**Hamster and Cheese**
by Colleen A.F. Venable
Illustrated by Stephanie Yue
Sasspants the guinea pig and his sidekick, Hamisher the hamster, get to the bottom of the case of the missing sandwiches in the first of the “Pet Shop Private Eye” series.

**Hilda and the Troll**
by Luke Pearson
Illustrated by the author
Blue-haired Hilda explores the mountains around her home, befriending the magical creatures who live there, and is caught in a snowstorm.

**Little Mouse Gets Ready**
by Jeff Smith
Illustrated by the author
Little Mouse hurries to get ready for a trip to the barn, carefully dressing himself piece by piece until his mother reminds him that mice don’t wear clothes.

**Johnny Boo Meets Dragon Puncher**
by James Kochalka
Illustrated by the author
Top Shelf Productions, 2015.
Kochalka’s two-comic series for early readers collide as Johnny Boo and Dragon Puncher battle the Ice Dragon.

**Little Robot**
by Ben Hatke
Illustrated by the author
First Second, 2015.
A girl befriends a small robot and, armed only with her trusty wrench, has to keep it safe.

**Luke on the Loose**
by Harry Bliss
Illustrated by the author
A young boy’s fascination with pigeons soon erupts into a full-blown chase around Central Park, across the Brooklyn Bridge, through a fancy restaurant, and into the sky.

**Noodleheads See the Future**
by Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss
Illustrated by Tedd Arnold
In three short stories inspired by folktales, two noodle brothers, Mac and Mac, get into all kinds of trouble because they take everything too literally.

**The Shark King**
by R. Kikuo Johnson
Illustrated by the author
In this Hawaiian tale, Nanaue, born to a shark father and a human mother, struggles to fit in.

**Sleepless Knight**
by James Sturm, Andrew Arnold and Alexis Frederick-Frost
Illustrated by the authors
First Second, 2015.
A brave Knight is excited to go camping with horse Edward and teddy bear. When it’s time to go to sleep, Knight realizes teddy bear is missing and can’t rest until the bear is found.

**Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt**
by Ben Clanton
Illustrated by the author
Narwhal and Jelly find their inner superheroes in this collection of bold and humorous stories.

**Wordplay**
by Ivan Brunetti
Illustrated by the author
Comical, round-headed characters and lively animated objects help young readers understand the meaning and use of compound words.
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