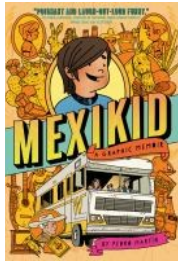


# Graphic Novels for Tweens

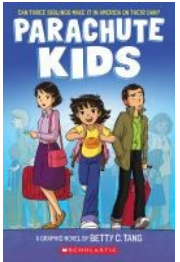
## **Mexikid by Pedro Martin**

Pedro Martin's grown up in the U.S. hearing stories about his legendary abuelito, but during a family road trip to Mexico, he connects with his grandfather and learns more about his own Mexican identity in this moving and hilarious graphic memoir .



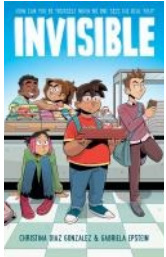
## **Parachute Kids by Betty C. Tang**

After their two-week family tour of Los Angeles, ten-year-old Feng Li Lin and her older brother and sister learn they will remain in California while their parents return to Taiwan, forcing them to navigate a new school, a new language, bullies, racism, and the pressures of running a household.



## **Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez,**

Can five overlooked kids are stuck together when they're forced to complete their school's community service hours. Although they're sure they have nothing in common with one another, some people see them as all the same... just five Spanish-speaking kids. Then they meet someone who truly needs their help, and they must decide whether they are each willing to expose their own secrets to help... or if remaining invisible is the only way to survive middle school.



## **Buzzing by Samuel Sattin**

Isaac is a shy boy with OCD, but one day at school he meets new friends who introduce him to role-playing games, which lead him on a journey of self-discovery and growth



## **The Moth-Keeper by Kay O'Neill**

Kit is excited to prove her worth as a Moth-Keeper, a protector of the lunar moths that allow the Night-Lily flower to bloom once a year, but she quickly finds that life as a Moth-Keeper is not what she imagined it would be.



## **Grace Needs Space by Benjamin Wilgus**

Grace's excitement to accompany her "fun" mom on delivery to Titan quickly turns to frustration when her mom is too preoccupied with her mission to spend time with Grace, yet when their ship stops working on their return home it is up to Grace to save the day.

## **Ghost Book by Remi Lai**

July Chen sees ghosts. But her dad insists ghosts aren't real. So she pretends they don't exist. Which is incredibly difficult now as it's Hungry Ghost month, when the Gates of the Underworld open and dangerous ghosts run amok in the living world. When July saves a boy ghost from being devoured by a Hungry Ghost, he becomes her first ever friend. Except William is not a ghost. He's a wandering soul wavering between life and death. As the new friends embark on an adventure to return William to his body, they unearth a ghastly truth—for William to live, July must die.



## **Dog Knight by Jeremy Whitley**

A nonbinary middle schooler saves a dog from bullies and is offered the chance to become the protector of a magical pact between humans and dogs, in the first book of this humorous and heartwarming middle-grade graphic novel.



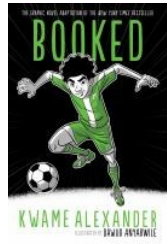
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### **Bea Wolf by Zach Weinersmith**

Listen! Hear a tale of mallow-munchers and warriors who answer candy's clarion call! A modern middle-grade graphic novel retelling of *Beowulf*, featuring a gang of troublemaking kids who must defend their tree house from a fun-hating adult who can instantly turn children into grown-ups.



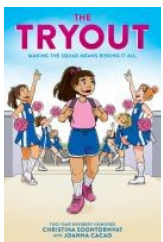
### **Booked by Kwame Alexander**

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.



### **Scout is Not a Band Kid by Jade Armstrong**

Scout joins her middle school's band in order to go on the band's annual trip and meet her favorite author, but she is forced to face the music when the trombone section leader realizes Scout does not know how to play.



### **The Tryout by Christina Soontornvat**

As one of the only Asian Americans in her school, Christina confronts both well-meaning ignorance and cruel racism, but in middle school fitting in is important, which is why she and her best friend Megan are both excited and nervous to try out for the popular cheerleading squad. Will the girls survive the terrifying tryouts, with their whole grade watching? And will their friendship withstand the pressures of competition?



### **Squire & Knight by Scott Chantler**

Staying behind to catch up on some reading while his inept boss, Sir Kelton, rides off to slay a demonic dragon, Squire soon notices something isn't quite right about this cursed village and seeks to uncover its secrets.



### **Two Tribes by Emily Bowen Cohen**

Mia is still getting used to living with her mom and stepfather, and to the new role their Jewish identity plays in their home. Feeling out of place, Mia take a bus to Oklahoma--without telling her mom--to visit her dad and find the connection to her Muscogee side she knows is just as important as her Jewish side.



### **Miss Quinces by Kat Fajardo**

Sue just wants to spend the summer reading and making comics at sleepaway camp with her friends, but instead she gets stuck going to Honduras to visit relatives with her parents and two sisters. They live way out in the country, which means no texting, no cable, and no Internet! The trip takes a turn for the worse when Sue's mother announces that they'll be having a surprise quinceaera for Sue, which is the last thing she wants. What is Sue going to do? And how will she survive all this "quality" time with her rambunctious family?



### **Curlfriends: New in Town by Sharee Miller**

Charlie has a foolproof plan for the first day at her new middle school. When not everything goes exactly to plan--like, AT ALL--Charlie is ready to give up on making new friendships. Then she meets the Curlfriends, a group of Black girls who couldn't be more different from each other, and learns that maybe there is a place for Charlie to be her true self after all.



### **A First Time For Everything by Dan Santat**

Dan's always been a good kid. The kind of kid who listens to his teachers, helps his mom with grocery shopping. But being a good kid doesn't stop him from being bullied and feeling like he's invisible, which is why Dan has low expectations when his parents send him on a class trip to Europe. But as he travels, a series of first experiences begin to change him--first Fanta, first fondue, first time stealing a bike from German punk rockers... and first love. A memoir of a bestselling author.



### **Four Eyes by Rex Ogle**

When Rex finds out he needs glasses, he's beyond miserable. Dealing with the bullies at school, his family being broke, and an embarrassing lack of friends, he has way too much on his plate already.



### **Ride On by Faith Erin Hicks**

Victoria has always loved horses. But riding in competitions is high stakes, high stress, and shockingly expensive. After a heartbreaking fight with her best friend Taylor, Victoria needs a new start--at a new stable. A place where she doesn't have to worry about anything other than riding. No competition, no drama, no friends. Just horses. But can she truly be happy with no friends?



### **Button Pusher by Tyler Page**

Tyler's brain is different. Unlike his friends, he has a hard time paying attention in class. He acts out in goofy, over-the-top ways. Sometimes, he even does dangerous things--like cut up a bus seat with a pocket-knife or hang out of an attic window. Nobody, including Tyler, understands why he does these things until his doctor diagnoses him with ADHD. But that is just the start of his journey.