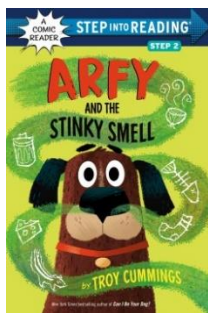
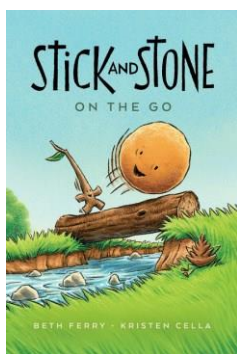


Best 2023 Graphic Novels



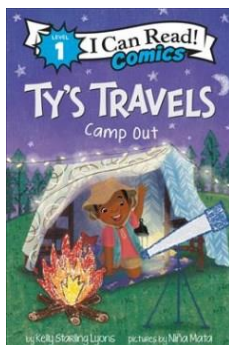
Arfy & the Stinky Smell by *Troy Cummings*

Arfy the rescue dog smells something very stinky, but he can't find the source of the smell. Join him on his adventure to sniff out the cause of this stinky smell. Grades K-1.



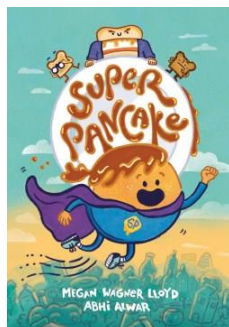
Stick and Stone on the Go by *Beth Ferry*

Join two best friends, Stick and Stone, on two adventures featuring picnics, new experiences, fluffy monsters, and spelunking. Stone is not always the bravest, but things are less scary with Stick by their side. Grades 1-2.



Ty's Travels: Camp-Out by *Kelly Sterling Lyons*

Ty's family is so excited to go camping, but their plans are ruined by non-stop rain. Thanks to Ty's creative thinking, their family may find a way to have their camp-out despite the weather. Grades 1-2.



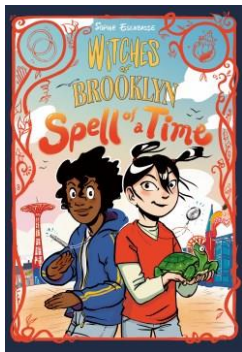
Super Pancake by *Megan Wagner Lloyd*

Peggy the pancake accidentally develops superpowers and must defend Breakfast Town from the evil Dr. Breakfast Sandwich. Grades 2-3.



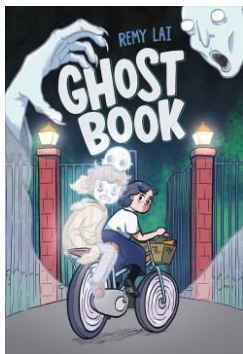
Burt the Beetle Lives Here by Ashley Spires

Burt the beetle is a Junebug looking for the perfect home. Join him as he learns about the different places that insects call home, and see if any are a good fit for him. Grades 2-3.



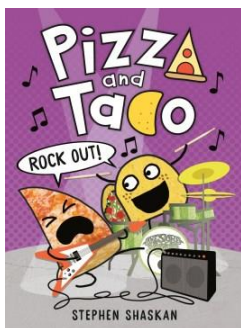
Witches of Brooklyn: Spell of a Time by Sophie Escabasse

A new addition to the “Witches of Brooklyn” series full of magic and friendship. Effie and Garence’s trip to Coney Island doesn’t go as planned when the two must find a missing mermaid. Grades 3-4.



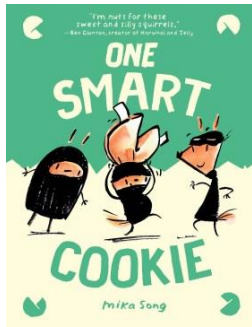
Ghost Book by Remi Lai

July Chen can see ghosts in this graphic novel inspired by Chinese mythology. It’s currently Hungry Ghost Month where the Gates of the Underworld are open and evil ghosts cause trouble in the living world. When July saves the ghost of a boy named William who is about to be devoured by a Hungry Ghost, she learns that he’s a wandering soul living between life and death. Will July and William be able to return him to his body? Grades 3-5.



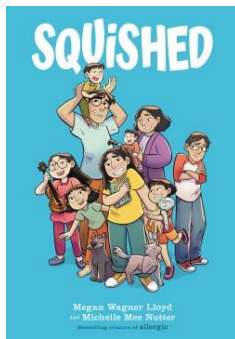
Pizza and Taco Rock Out by Stephen Shaskan

Best friend duo Pizza and Taco believe they have all the elements needed to start a band but find it more difficult than they thought. Grades 2-4.



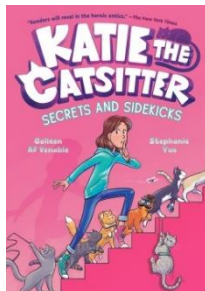
Norma and Belly 4: One Smart Cookie by *Mika Song*

Hungry squirrels go on a heist at a fortune cookie factory to sneak their own fortunes into the delicious snacks. Grades 2-4.



Squished by *Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter*

Avery Lee loves her house and her family, but she is starting to feel squished by her 6 other siblings and wants her own space. When her older brother, Theo, gets his own room she devises a plan to make money so she can afford her own room. Grades 4-6.



Katie the Catsitter: Secrets and Sidekicks by *Colleen AF Venable*

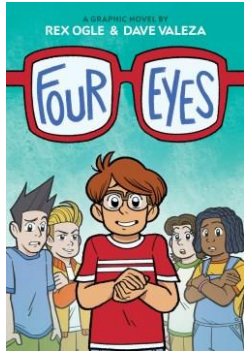
Katie invites some of her best friends to be sidekicks with her, but gets frustrated when they start doing a better job than her. On top of this friendship drama, giant robots start attacking the city. Will Katie and her friends find a way to work together along with 217 super cats to save the city? Grades 4-6.



Saving Sunshine by *Saadia Faruqi*

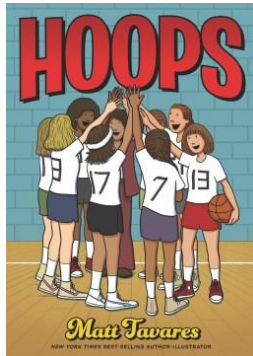
Muslim American siblings Zara and Zeeshan can never seem to get along. When things between them escalate during a summer vacation, their parents punish them by making them spend more time together. Will the two be able to get along when they find an injured turtle in need of saving?

Grades 4-6.



Four Eyes by Rex Ogle

Rex is having a hard time fitting in at school. So, when he finds out that he needs glasses and his family can only afford the ugliest pair, he thinks he's doomed. In this graphic memoir, Rex must learn how to survive sixth grade when it feels like everything's out to get him. Grades 4-6.



Hoops by Matt Tavares

It's 1975 in Indiana and the girls' basketball team is having an undefeated season! Despite this, they aren't treated the same as the boys' basketball team – they make their own uniforms, find rides to away games, and practice in poor conditions. Their spirits are starting to dwindle until a female coach steps in to help them push through. Grades 4-6.



Parachute Kids by Betty C. Tang

Three siblings find themselves living alone as undocumented immigrants when their parents move back to Taiwan and leave them behind. The youngest, Feng-Li, is excited to make new friends and experiences in America, but soon finds out how tricky it is to manage a household. Grades 4-6.



The Dog Knight by Jeremy Whitley

After saving a dog from bullies, Frankie, a nonbinary middle schooler finds out they have been chosen to become the Dog Knight, a human tasked with bridging the gap between dogs and humans. Dogs are constantly trying to protect humans from invisible, evil creatures, and the Dog Knight must help them. But first Frankie must pass several trials to prove they're worthy. Grades 4-6.



Buzzing by Samuel Sattin

12-year-old Isaac has obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and finds everyday activities difficult with a swarm of buzzing negative thoughts. His mother has him in therapy, but it doesn't seem to help. When a group of friends invite him to join an after-school role-playing game, he finds the buzzing thoughts are a little less loud. Grades 4-6.



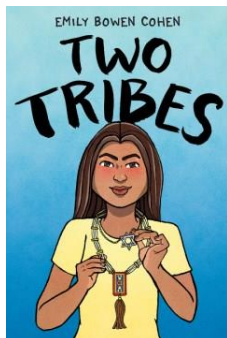
Misfit Mansion by Kay Davault

Iris may look like a monster, but she doesn't feel like she belongs at the foster home for monsters run by paranormal investigator Mr. Halloway. Instead, she longs to escape to a human town and find a human family to adopt her. But once a human boy named Matthias helps her escape, she must face a whole new set of challenges in this strange new world. Grades 4-6.



Nayra and the Djinn by Iasmin Omar Ata

Muslim American Nayra is ready to transfer schools after struggling with bullies, friends, and strict parents. But then a djinn named Marjan – a mythical being in Islamic folklore – appears and helps Nayra navigate her tricky life. However, Marjan has a dark past that they must face before Nayra gets hurt. Grades 4-6.



Two Tribes by Emily Bowen Cohen

Mia is half-Muscogee and half-Jewish. When her Muscogee father leaves and her mother refuses to talk about him, Mia finds herself struggling with her new Jewish identity. Wanting to find a connection with her Muscogee roots, she takes a bus to visit her father with her Bat Mitzvah money without her mother knowing. Grades 4-6.

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