**Graphic Novels**

*Isla to Island* by Alexis Castellanos - GRAPHIC J CAS

This stunning wordless graphic novel follows a young girl in the 1960s who immigrates from Cuba to the United States and must redefine what home means to her.

*Red Scare* by Liam Francis Walsh - GRAPHIC J WAL

Peggy is scared: She’s struggling to recover from polio and needs crutches to walk, and she and her neighbors are worried about the rumors of Communist spies doing bad things. When she finds a mysterious artifact that gives her the ability to fly, she thinks it’s the solution to all her problems. But if Peggy wants to keep it, she’ll have to overcome bullies, outsmart FBI agents, and escape from some very strange spies!

*Enola Holmes: The Graphic Novels - Book One (series)* by Serena Blasco - GRAPHIC J BLA

14-year-old Enola Holmes wakes on her birthday to discover that her mother has disappeared from the family’s country manor, leaving only a collection of flowers and a coded message book. With Sherlock and Mycroft determined to ship her off to a boarding school, Enola escapes, displaying a cleverness that even impresses the elder Holmes. But nothing prepares her for what lies ahead…

*White Bird* by R.J. Palacio - GRAPHIC J PAL

Tells the story of Julian’s Grandmère’s childhood as she, a Jewish girl, was hidden by a family in a Nazi-occupied French village during World War II and how the boy she once shunned became her savior and best friend.

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**Wit is the most dangerous talent you can possess. It must be guarded with great discretion and good-nature, otherwise it will create you many enemies.**

* Fever 1793, Laurie Halse Anderson

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**Historical Fiction for the History Lover**

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**Explore. Read. Enjoy.**
**Lena and the Burning of Greenwood by Nikki Shannon Smith - WONDER JF SMI**
Twelve-year-old Lena is aware of racism, but she lives a comfortable life in the segregated but relatively wealthy Greenwood District in Tulsa, Oklahoma; but on May 31, 1921 racial tensions explode, and as the violence escalates Lena and her family must search desperately for a safe place to hide.

**Peacemaker by Joseph Bruchac - JF BRU**
A twelve-year-old Iroquois boy searches for peace in this historical novel based on the creation of the Iroquois Confederacy.

**When Winter Robeson Came by Brenda Woods - JF WOO**
During the summer of 1965, when her cousin Winter comes for a visit, Eden is drawn into his hostage crisis of the late 1970s.

**Loyalty by Avi - JF AVI**
Newbery Medalist Avi explores the American Revolution from a fresh perspective in the story of a young Loyalist turned British spy navigating patriotism and personal responsibility during the lead-up to the War of Independence.

**Louisa June and the Nazis in the Waves by Laura Elliott - JF ELL**
In this moving and timeless story, award-winning author L. M. Elliott captures life on the U.S. homefront during World War II, weaving a rich portrait of a family reeling from loss and the chilling yet hopeful voyage of fighting for what matters.

**When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle - JF EAR**
A boy and a gorilla create an unbelievable bond in this powerful WWII tale for young readers.

**Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson - JF LUQ**
Under the cover of night, twelve-year-old Homer flees Southerland Plantation with his little sister Ada, unwillingly leaving their beloved mother behind. Through tangled vines, secret doorways, and over a sky bridge, the two find a secret community called Freewater. In this society created by formerly enslaved people, Homer finds new friends, but when he learns of a threat that could destroy Freewater, he crafts a plan to find his mother and help his new home.

**We Are Wolves by Katrina Nannestad - JF NIE**
This “hauntingly atmospheric,” heart-stopping middle grade novel follows three of the Wolfskinder, German children left to fend for themselves in the final days of World War II, as they struggle to hold onto themselves and each other while surviving in the wild.

**Lines of Courage by Jennifer Nielsen - JF NIE**
As World War I stretches across Europe, five young people face the awful challenges of war as they fight for their dreams, their families and their very survival.

**Healer and Witch by Nancy Werlin - JF WER**
Sylvie and her mother and grandmother are beloved, trusted healers in their medieval French village, though some whisper that fifteen-year-old Sylvie and her grand-máere deal in more than herbs and medicines. After her grandmother dies, Sylvie leaves her village in search of a teacher.

**The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley - JF BRA**
A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

**It Ain’t So Awful, Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas - JF DUM**
Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s.

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“It had been awful, but I hadn’t quit. I had persisted. In battle I had won.”

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