

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

### ***Crunch* by Kayla Miller - GRAPHIC J MIL**

It's no secret that Olive loves trying new things. Between taking guitar lessons, making a short film, joining Berry Scouts, and leading the charge on her school's dress code reform, Olive has her hands full! But she enjoys being busy, so staying on track with her jam-packed schedule should be no problem...right? As weeks fly by, it gets harder and harder for Olive to find time for her activities, never mind time for herself. Will she be able to accomplish her goals, or will all her sizzle turn to fizzle?

### ***Stepping Stones* by Lucy Knisley - GRAPHIC J KNI**

Jen moves out to the country and has to put up with her mom and her mom's new boyfriend, as well as his kids. Suddenly part of a larger family in a new place, Jen isn't sure there is a place for her in this different world.

### ***Swim Team* by Johnnie Christmas - GRAPHIC J CHR**

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy, yet she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help.

### ***Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova - GRAPHIC J CHM**

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.

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Winning is not always about shining the brightest. Sometimes it's about sharing the light with someone who has been waiting in the shadows all along.

*Save Me A Seat*, Sarah Weeks

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**GRAPHIC J:** juvenile graphic novel, 3rd floor

**TWEEN F:** tween fiction, 3rd floor

## JUVENILE FICTION

***Bink & Gollie* by Kate DiCamillo - ER DIC**

Two roller-skating best friends—one tiny, one tall—share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

***Sadiq and the Desert Star* by Siman Nuurali - CHAPTER NUU**

Sadiq's father is going on a business trip, but before he goes he tells Sadiq a story of the Desert Star, which fits in perfectly with Sadiq's third grade class field trip to the planetarium, and inspires Sadiq to build a simple telescope to study the stars when his father returns.

***Operation Sisterhood* by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich - J F RHU**

Eleven-year-old Bo is used to it being just her and her mom in their cozy New York apartment, but when her mom gets married, Bo must adjust to her new sisters and a music-minded blended family that is much larger, louder, and more complex than she ever imagined.

***New from Here* by Kelly Yang - JF YAN**

Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus.

***Karthik Delivers* by Sheela Chari - JF CHA**

One summer during the Financial Crisis, fourteen-year-old Karthik Raghavan makes deliveries for his father's ailing Indian grocery, but he is secretly cast in a play about the young Leonard Bernstein.

## JUVELINE FICTION CONT.

***Ellen Outside the Lines* by A.J. Sass - JF SAS**

Ellen, an autistic thirteen-year-old, navigates a new city, shifting friendships, a growing crush, and her queer and Jewish identities while on a class trip to Barcelona.

***Answers in the Pages* by David Levitan - JF LEV**

When his mother rallies other parents to pull the book he's reading from the district curriculum because it depicts a relationship between two boys, Donovan must speak up and stand out to stop this book from being banned.

***If You Read This* by Kereen Getten - JF GET**

When Brie was younger, her mama used to surprise her with treasure hunts around their island town. After she died three years ago, these became Brie's favorite memories. Now, on her twelfth birthday, her mama has another surprise: a series of letters leading Brie on one last treasure hunt. The first letter guides Brie to a special place. The next urges her to unlock a secret. And the last letter will change life as she knows it.

***Wink: Surviving Middle School with One Eye Open* by Rob Harrell - JF HAR**

After being diagnosed with rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive treatment and middle school.

***Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks - JF WEE**

Ravi, who has just moved to America from India, and Joe, who is learning disabled, gain strength from each other as they struggle to navigate middle school, family relationships, and friendships.

***Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt - JF HUN**

Ally fears that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

***Eggs* by Jerry Spinelli - JF SPI**

Mourning the loss of his mother, nine-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.

## TWEEN FICTION

***Each of us a Universe* by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo - TWEEN F FER**

Twelve-year-old Cal and her new classmate Rosine, an immigrant from Central Africa, go on an adventure to the top of Mt. Meteorite where they learn about each other, themselves, and the magic friendship can bring.

***For the Record* by Monique Polak - TWEEN F POL**

Twelve-year-old Justine's parents are recently divorced and she and her little sister go back and forth between their parents' homes in Montreal. Their anxious mother believes that their father and beloved half-sister are a bad influence so she enlists Justine in collecting evidence that would lead to getting sole custody. Justine accepts her mother's view of her father at first but when Justine crafts an outright lie for her mother's court case, she starts to question her mother's behavior, and her own.

***Turtle Boy* by M. Evan Wolkenstein - TWEEN F WOL**

Seventh-grader Will's Bar Mitzvah community service project, visiting an incurably ill older boy in the hospital, leads to a friendship that is life-changing for both them and those around them.

***The First Rule of Punk* by Celia C. Perez - TWEEN F PER**

Twelve-year-old Malu reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang—violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.

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We're all connected to each other. We all breathe the same air into our lungs. None of us are immune to each other's problems, that's why we have to care about each other.

*New From Here*, Kelly Yang