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Once more for the people in the back: Graphic novels are an invaluable tool to help early readers learn to love the written word. Thats why we recommend having a wide variety of the best graphic novels for kids on the shelves in your classroom Not only are these choices some of the quickest to spread from student, but the diverse stories and beautiful illustrations can engage readers of all ages for whom large blocks of text can prove challenging. From early readers perfect for reading aloud to National Book Award finalists, these are our picks for the best graphic novels for kids. Penguin Young Readers Kitana is the very first Shark Princess the ocean has ever seen. Her best friend, Mack, wants to be one too but worries his big teeth and bigger allergies make him a poor candidate to follow in her fin-steps. This gentle adventure story is a great pick for kiddos who need a boost of confidence, either in reading or in realizing that who they really are is enough. 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How does the graphic novel compare to the original? Theyll have to read to find out. Buy it: Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon Penguin Young Readers Best friends Gabby, Mindy, and Priya love animals. Sadly, none of them are able to have pets. So the trio comes up with the perfect plan: an after-school dog-walking business is harder than they first thought. Will they be able to balance their other commitments and keep their clients happy? PAWS is a great series for enthusiastic students who might see themselves reflected in these ambitious characters. Buy it: PAWS: Gabby Gets It TogetherPenguin Young Readers Illustrated by famed comics artist Bret Blevins, this award-worthy graphic novel brings vibrant new life to the classic adventure story. The mice of Mossflower Wood fear the coming of the wicked rat, Cluny, and his horde. Only the lost sword of Martin the Warrior can save them that and a humble, bumbling apprentice who seeks to become a hero. 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One of the best graphic novels for kids that presents scientific facts comics-style, and a good choice to teach in tandem with an ocean unit. Buy it: The Deep! Wild Life at the Oceans Darkest DepthsPenguin Young Readers Steph is an artistic Dominican American girl about to embark on an NYC rite of passage: applying to high schools. Her dream is to attend LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, but she knows her strict mom would never let her make the daily commute from the Bronx to midtown Manhattan. Her plan to make her dream come true is genius, but it requires lying to everyone she loves. This graphic novel for kids is a great way to introduce readers to literary conflict. Buy it: Doodles From the Boogie DownPenguin Young Readers Chinese literature meets Greek mythology in this charming graphic novel. Sun Wukongthe Monkey Kingis on the path to becoming a god. But first he must battle monsters that plague the land, starting in Greece, renowned for its many terrible monsters, like a three-headed hellhound and the Minotaur. The Monster and the Maze is among the best graphic novels for kids who have already read all of Percy Jackson and still want more. Buy it: Monkey King and the World of Myths: The Monster and the Maze Penguin Young Readers Stanley is the new kid at school, and he wishes he could disappear. Luckily, after a mysterious spill at the science fair, thats exactly what happens. Unluckily, the formulas inventor is also invisible now and is using their newfound powers? For readers who love Dog Man and Captain Underpants, this is among the best graphic novels for kids to broaden their literary horizons. Buy it: The Adventures of Invisible BoyPenguin Young Readers In 1966, Cesar Chavez helped lead the National Farm Workers Association on the Road to Sacramento. For 300 miles, they protested in support of farmworkers rights. Now, students can engage in this important history through vivid, full-color illustrations. This is a great pick for Hispanic Heritage Month and beyond. Buy it: Who Was the Voice of the People? Cesar ChavezPenguin Young Readers This is one of the best graphic novels adapted from an original series and is sure to be a hit with reluctant readers. Jack has been living in his tree house ever since the monster apocalypse hit town. The 13-year-old has protected himself with catapults and a moat and is well supplied with video games and junk food. But Oreos and even a moat cant protect him from the creatures that lurk below. So he builds a crew of some unlikely allies to defeat the vile Blarg. Buy it: The Last Kids on Earth: The Graphic NovelPenguin Young Readers Its Obon, a Japanese festival of the dead, but the celebration of ancestors hasnt been the same since Anzus obaachan (grandmother) died. While avoiding holiday festivities, Anzu chases after a mysterious stray dog and takes a spill. When she awakes, she finds shes in Yomi, the Shinto underworld, and the dog is none other than the Gatekeeper of this spirit realm. Can she return to the physical planeand escape the evil Queen Izanamibefore sunrise? The anxiety of moving to a new place, identity, and other SEL themes will be relatable for many kids. Buy it: Anzu and the Realm of DarknessPenguin Young Readers Pedro has grown up hearing stories about his grandfather, a hero of the Mexican Revolution. But that doesnt mean hes excited that Abuelito (Grandpa) is coming to live with his family. His road trip to Mexico to bring Abuelito home is full of laughs, heartache, and important life lessons. This Newbery Honor and Pura Belpr award winner is one of the best graphic novels for kids, full stop. Buy it: Mexikid: A Graphic MemoirPenguin Young Readers Page and Turner (get it?) believe in the magic of the library. Theyve been going since they were babies, especially since their parents are often traveling for work. But when their dads valuable edition of Dracula uncovers a world theyve never known, they find themselves on a secret mission featuring a mysterious Night Librarian, and famous heroes (and villains) that have broken free from classic books. Can they save their beloved New York Public Librarian from destruction? This graphic novel is a wonderful free-read choice for your book-loving students. Buy it: The Night Librarian from destruction? This graphic novel is a wonderful free-read choice for your book-loving students. Buy it: The Night Librarian from destruction? This graphic novel is a wonderful free-read choice for your book-loving students. student start tearing up over this National Book Award finalist. Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent most of their lives in a Kenyan refugee camp, where life is hard and the goal is always to get out. When Omar has the opportunity to go to school, he knows it might be a chance to change their future, but it also means leaving non-verbal Hassan every day. Based on a true story, this beautiful, funny, heartbreaking graphic novel for kids is an excellent way to teach character development and elements of storytelling. Buy it: When Stars Are ScatteredPenguin Young Readers Mi Yng has resigned herself to a boring summer. Well, except that her ni nai (grandma), with whom she connects despite a language barrier, is visiting from Taiwan. But as the summer ends and ni nai heads home, Mi Yng finds herself starting 5th grade as the butt of racist jokes, and she must struggle to reclaim her identity and voice. This graphic novel is an excellent way to talk about bias-based bullying. Buy it: Fake Chinese SoundsPenguin Young Readers From the creators behind the Eisner-nominated Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear, this gorgeously illustrated graphic novel adventure based on a true story follows young conservationist Chang as she overcomes the odds to save and return an elephant, Wat, to its natural habitat near Yok Don National Park in Vietnam. A great graphic novel for kids to incorporate into an environmental unit. Buy it: Saving HNon: Chang and the ElephantPenguin Young Readers This genre-bending adventure story has earned numerous awards for its creative and sensitive depiction of a 13-year-old-girl struggling to thrive in America in the years following the Chinese Exclusion Act. Mei works in a logging camp in the western United States in the 1880s and copes with the racismand her growing romantic feelings for her friend Beethrough reimagining American folk hero Paul Bunyan as Po Pan Yin, a Chinese matriarch. Truly one of the best graphic novels for kids in the past few years, Auntie Po is a wonderful read for folklore units as well as AAPI Heritage Month (and beyond!). Buy it: The Legend of Auntie PoPenguin Young Readers Astrid has done almost everything in her 12-year life with her best friend, Nicole, But when the girls interests divergeAstrid dives into roller derby while Nicole goes to dance campits going to be a tough summer. Astrid struggles to keep up with the older girls at camp, and she feels Nicole slipping away. This Newbery Honor winner is a fan favorite and a great read for any student who needs an extra boost of girl power. Buy it: Roller GirlPenguin Young Readers Alex was told his uncle died in a car accident. But when the 14-year-old discovers bullet holes in his uncles windshield, he knows its up to him to find out what really happened. Soon, Alex has picked up his uncles top-secret mission, complete with government-issued tech and bad guys who want to see him dead. A great pick for the reader looking for their next adventure series. Buy it: Alex Rider: StormbreakerPenguin Young Readers Growing up with undiagnosed OCD wasnt easy for Pan Cooke. His intrusive thoughts were pervasive, and in this heartfelt, funny story, he shares those experiences with candor and compassion. This graphic novel is a great way to start a conversation on mental health with your students. Buy it: PuzzledPenguin Young Readers Steph Curry is one of the NBAs all-time greats, but his success was never guaranteed, or even likely. Considered too short, too slow, and too weak, he was a true underdog on his path to four championships. Middle-grade readers may find themselves connecting with his inspiring story. Perfect for a biography unit. Buy it: Sports Superheroes: Stephen Curry Are you ready for books to blow apart the myth that graphic novels are good books for kids? This list of graphic novels for grades 4 through 8 contains a variety of titles and you are sure to find something for either your voracious or your reluctant reader. (Note: this post contains affiliate links that earn from gualifying purchases.) More lists of graphic novels: The Stratford Zoo Midnight Revue (series) by Ian Lendler, illustrated by Zack Giallongo. My 11-year-old read the Romeo and Juliet version and immediately gave it to me, "This one's really good. You should read it to my brother." Well, I don't normally real graphic novels aloud, but my youngest read it to my brother." story pit the farmyard animals against the wild animals Romeo is a rooster and Juliet is a bearwitha backdrop of silly audience commentary. I won't give away the ending, but not to worry, everyone survives. Little Monarchs by Jonathan Case, In a post-apocalyptic 22nd century, sun exposure has killed off most mammals, and the majority of humans now live underground and are known as "Deepers." Elvie's parents disappeared after they went in search of monarch butterflies. Elvie and her quardian, who have developed a medicine to help them stay above ground, are working on a vaccine that will allow humans to tolerate the intense sunlight. They follow the monarch's migration patterns but and later she agonizes over how to apologize for her rudeness. The boy, Jamie, is in the science club, while Peppi and her friends are in the art club. The two clubs are at odds and when they are pitted against each other in a contest, things get tricky. Peppi tries to navigate the awkwardness of being friends with Jamie and her art club friends, as well as making honest choices. If your kids like realistic fiction, this graphic novel has a diverse cast, memorable characters and thoughtful plot points. Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword (series) by Barry Deutsch. What's that, you say? You are looking for a graphic novel about an orthodox Jewish girl who dreams of slaying dragons? Well, you've come to the right place. This book is pretty wonderful. Mirka is 11 years old and not interested in the stereotypical "female pursuits." For example, she is a terrible knitter. The book opens with Mirka trying to convince her stepmother that God must want her to make kitting mistakes. When you see what role knitting plays in overcoming the terrible troll, you will probably agree with Mirka's assessment. One day Mirka finds herself in a kerfuffle involving wrestling a pig (although no one believes her, and what is a pig doing in an Orthodox community, anyway, they all say) but that's just the beginning. The whole book is wonderfully imaginative and I've put the second two titles on hold at the library! Rapunzel's Revenge by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale. This was one of the first graphic novels I read it several years ago, before I was really aware of the explosion of graphic novels as a children's book genre. I picked it up because I love Shannon Hale's novels. It is quite unlike the traditional fairy tale. Rapunzel takes ownership of her hair, frees herself, rejects the prince and goes on a quest to save her mother in the Wild, Wild West. Her sidekick is Jackof beanstalk fame. Also by the same team: Calamity Jack Hazardous Tales (series) by Nathan Hale. My 11 year old loves the Nathan Hale. My 11 ye Alamo to WW1 and more. As a narrator, Hale makes history fascinating and funny. If your kids say they aren't "into history" sneak a few of these books into their reading stash. Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson. Astrid signs up for roller derby and is disappointed when her best friend Nicole signs up for dance, instead and with Rachel! The girl who teases Astrid! Astrid works on learning the roller derby ropes (she's not really that good, but that's okay) and figuring out who she is without Nicole. This is a truly wonderful book with a likable, memorable protagonist. Sunny Side Up by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. The Holm duo is responsible for the popular Babymouseseries, which is good for the younger crowd. It's 1976 and Sunny is off to stay with her grandfatherfor the summer, in Florida. She meets Buzz, a local kid who is really into comics. The pair have some summer yadventures involving golf balls but the backdrop is that Sunny has had to deal with some difficult family issues over the past year, including a brother who has substance abuse issues. Despite the seriousness of the topic, it is handled in a very age-appropriate way. Around the World by Matt Phelan. I've always been fascinated by the story Around the World in 80 Days. When I was younger I loved playing the board game, "Nelly Bly". I wish I still had it! But I digress. Phelan takes the stories of three adventurers and mashes them into one epic circumnavigation. Phelan's artwork is different than a lot of the graphic novel on this list. It is lighter in feel, almost sketch-like. I also think the "feeling" of the book is less bold (for lack of a better word) that the others, despite the adventurous subject matter. It requires a bit more reading between the lines, and Phelan does address the downsides of traveling around the world. For that reason, I recommend it as for kids who already have a few graphic novels under their belt. The Dumbest Idea Ever by Jimmy Gownley. Here's abook that might be unfairly judged by the title. Gownley writes a memoir of his 13 year old self. He is a top student and star athlete. However, when he has to miss an important basketball game because of chicken pox things start to go downhill fast. While he is ill, he takes up drawing and writing comics. Funny and insightful, Gownley's graphic novel is a great book for tweens, who are figuring out how to grow up and be themselves. Gownley also wrote the graphic novel series, Amelia Rules. Lowriders in Space (series) by Cathy Camper, illustrated by Raul the Third. You might not think that a space adventure would easily combine with Mexican car culture. Well, you'd be wrong! Lowriders is great fun and has a good message about working together and friendship.Lupe Impala, El Chavo Flapjack, and Elirio Malaria are a great team when it comes to fixing cars. Together they enter a contest to turn a hunk of junk into the best car in the solar system. This was a great one for my son who is starting to learn Spanish. A glossary in the back helps kids with the Spanish words sprinkled throughout the text. Secret Coders (series) by Gene Luen Yang, illustrated by Mike Holmes. At first I wasn't sure what to make of this book. Hopper is the new kid at school and she starts things off on the wrong foot. She gets into a tussle on her first day at the strange and creepy Stately Academy. But the strange and creepy Stately Academy. But the strange and creepy Stately Academy. school. There are binary numbers to figure out, coding puzzles to solve and computer programs to unravel. If your kids can spend hours on coding websites, convince them to enjoy some off-screen time while working on the same type of problems to unravel. If your kids can spend hours on coding websites, convince them to enjoy some off-screen time while working on the same type of problems to unravel. If your kids can spend hours on coding websites, convince them to enjoy some off-screen time while working on the same type of problems to unravel. If your kids can spend hours on coding websites, convince them to enjoy some off-screen time while working on the same type of problems to unravel. If your kids can spend hours on coding websites, convince them to enjoy some off-screen time while working on the same type of problems to unravel. If your kids can spend hours on coding websites, convince them to enjoy some off-screen time while working on the same type of problems to unravel. my favorite fairy tale, but I've recently read two versions that I really enjoyed. One of them is this graphic novel of the traditional Slavic folk tale. Distraught at the fact that her father is remarrying, Masha decides to try out for anassistant gigwith the local witch. She gets into the house on chicken legs but Baba Yaga puts here through a series of magical tests. Masha draws on herintelligence to outsmart the devious witch. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle, adapted and illustrated by Hope Larson. Larson's graphic adaptation of this classic children's science fiction fantasy is exceptional. I love the illustrations and appreciated that the story followed closely to the original. It's a fun new way to approach the tale, and (in my opinion) preferable to any film version! Whoops! 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