



Here are three reasons your kids will love graphic novels — and three reasons you will love that they love them:

- 1. Graphic novels are full of text.** As the name suggests, there are pictures, to be sure, but graphic novels have text that readers must actually decode, analyse, and comprehend.
- 2. Graphic novels are engaging.** Often, especially for our struggling or emerging readers, graphic novels add that extra support that kids need to help them through a text. The illustrations keep readers' minds working, and the combination of text and pictures gets kids through stories that they may have otherwise not completely understood.
- 3. Graphic novels have rich and complex characters and plots.** Just like more traditional narrative forms, plots have twists and turns, characters are developed and are dynamic and conflicts are presented and resolved.

Shannon Hale

Real Friends

Real Friends is a memoir that tells of the author's struggle to make and maintain friendships through the early school years. A funny and touching story, its strength comes from acknowledging the central character's flaws and mistakes as well as those of others.

Rapunzel's Revenge

A retelling of the classic fairy tale, *Rapunzel's Revenge* shifts the action to the American Wild West. Twelve year old Rapunzel and her comrade in arms Jack become outlaws, involved in horse stealing, kidnapping and jail breaking. A sugary sweet fairy tale this is not, and best suited to older readers, or the brave of heart.



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Raina Telgemeier

Sisters

Raina is stuck in a van without air conditioning driving from her home to a family reunion, and as temperatures rise, so do tempers. Raina and her sister, Amara, argue over everything, from what to do about a snake on the loose in the car to their parents' relationship. An emotional and sometimes tense journey, it is nonetheless full of jokes that will keep 10-15 year olds in stitches.



Victoria Jamieson

Roller Girl

Set during a roller-derby day camp, this story explores themes of friendship, working hard for something you really want, being a team player, and being ready for how much more complicated life becomes as you get older.

All's Faire in Middle School

Impy, 11, has grown up at renaissance fairs, where her parents work. Formerly home schooled, Impy's life changes when she begins attending school. Complicating things is the fact that her new friends want her to do something mean, forcing Impy to wonder if she's the hero, or maybe the bad guy, in her own story.

Dana Simpson

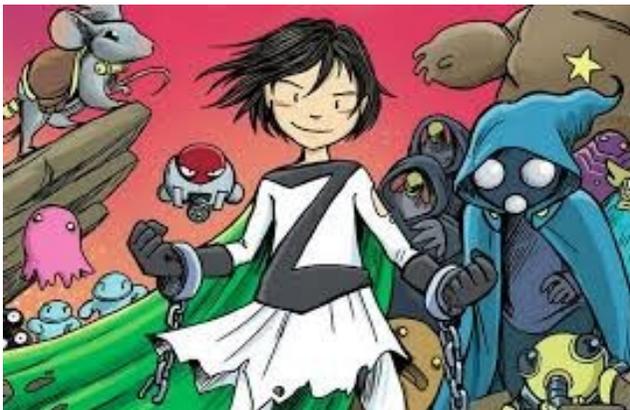
Phoebe and her Unicorn

Phoebe, a girl in the fourth grade, skips a rock across a pond and accidentally hits a unicorn in the face. Freed from her own reflection, the unicorn—named Marigold Heavenly Nostrils—gives Phoebe one wish, which she decides to use by making the unicorn her best friend. Adventure ensues!

Ben Hatke

Zita the Spacegirl

Zita the Spacegirl is a fun, captivating tale of friendship and redemption. When her best friend is abducted by aliens, Zita leaps to the rescue and finds herself a stranger on a strange planet. Humanoid chickens and neurotic robots are shocking enough as new experiences go, but Zita is even more surprised to find herself taking on the role of intergalactic hero. Before long, aliens in all shapes and sizes don't even phase her. Neither do ancient prophecies, doomed planets, or even a friendly con man who takes a mysterious interest in Zita's quest.



Kazu Kibuishi

Amulet

After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Part fantasy (anthropomorphized animals, elves) and part manga (transforming robots, tentacled monsters), this tension filled and exciting story continues over several volumes.



G. Willow Wilson

Ms Marvel

A glorious story that older teens will love. Kamala Khan is a teenage Muslim girl living in Jersey City who idolises superheroes. When she becomes one, she finds that it's not as easy as it looks on the pages of comic books. As she struggles to balance school, friends, parental expectations and her brother's conservative judgement, Kamala discovers more about herself than she ever knew.