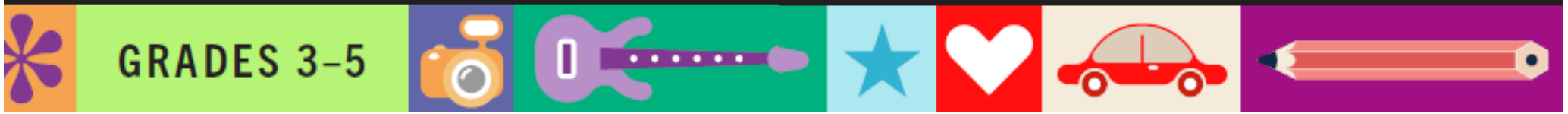
GRAPHIC NOVELS READING LIST

GRADES 3–5



Akissi:
More Tales of Mischief
by Marguerite Abouet
This spirited hero's sweet, everyday adventures are based on the author's childhood in Ivory Coast. *Part of a series.*
J ABOUET (Graphic Novel)

Anti/Hero
by Kate Karyus Quinn
When a mysterious object forces opposites Piper and Sloane to switch bodies, the heroes must work to accept each other's differences. Could they become friends after all?
J DC… (Graphic Novel)

The Bad Guys:
Dawn of the Underlord
by Aaron Blabey
Traditional storybook "bad guys" Mr. Wolf, Mr. Snake, Mr. Piranha, and Mr. Shark have saved the world from evil and are ready to celebrate—but then Mr. Snake discovers something that will rip their whole party apart.
Part of a series.
J BLABEY (Graphic Novel)

Becoming RBG:
Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice
by Debbie Levy
A graphic biography of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg examines her life from her childhood through her days on the Supreme Court.
J B GINSBURG

Black Heroes of the Wild West
by James Otis Smith
Mary Fields, Deputy Marshal Bass Reeves, Bob Lemmons—three Black heroes of the American West are profiled in comic form in this exciting book with extensive back matter.
J 978.02 SMITH (Graphic)

The Breakaways
by Cathy G. Johnson
Shy, introverted Faith gets more than she bargained for when she is convinced to join her new middle school's soccer team, a group that excels at drama but not so much on the field.
J JOHNSON (Graphic Novel)

Chunky
by Yehudi Mercado
Hudi needs to lose weight, according to his doctors, so his parents push him to try out for sports. Hudi would rather do anything else, but then he meets Chunky, his imaginary friend and mascot. Together, they decide to give baseball a shot.
J MERCADO (Graphic Novel)

City of Secrets
by Victoria Ying
Orphan Ever Barnes hides in the Switchboard Operating Facility, where, with the owner's daughter, he explores the building and uncovers the secrets that led to his father's murder.
J YING (Graphic Novel)

Click by Kayla Miller
Olive navigates social dynamics in preparation for a fifth-grade performance, after her friends leave her to fend for herself.
Part of a series.
J MILLER (Graphic Novel)

Consent (for Kids!): Boundaries, Respect, and Being in Charge of You
by Rachel Brian
An important primer for kids to prompt thinking and talking about setting boundaries and respecting others' ,with gender-neutral, empowering, and funny cartoons messages.
J 362.76 BRIAN (Nonfiction)

Diana: Princess of the Amazons by Shannon Hale
Young Diana, lonely on the island of Themyscira, creates a playmate out of clay but soon realizes something is very off about her new friend.
J HALE (Graphic Novel)

Doodleville by Chad Sell
Drew's doodles love to explore the world beyond Drew's sketchbook, often causing mischief, but when her biggest doodle begins to destroy everything, Drew must understand her own feelings to get her doodle under control.
J SELL (Graphic Novel)

Glitch by Sarah Graley
Sucked into the world of her video game, Izzy finds new friends and faces challenges while saving a virtual world that might impact Izzy's real life, too.
J GRALEY (Graphic Novel)

Green Lantern: Legacy
by Minh Lê
When 13-year-old Tai inherits the jade ring that belonged to his bà nội, he learns of his grandmother's secret identity as part of the Green Lantern Corps, interstellar peacekeepers. Now that it is Tai's turn to take the oath, can he fulfill the legacy while also protecting his family and neighbors?
J DC…(Graphic Novel)

Kitten Construction Company: Meet the House Kittens
by John Patrick Green
Marmalade, a trained architect who also happens to be an adorable kitten, finds allies in other handy cats when her plans for the new mayor's mansion are rejected by the city planner.
Part of a series.
J GREEN (Graphic Novel)

Kodi by Jared Cullum
While visiting her grandmother's Alaskan cottage, shy Katya befriends an injured bear that she names Kodi. When Katya returns home to Seattle, Kodi follows in search of his best friend, causing mayhem and confusion until the two reunite.
J CULLUM (Graphic Novel)

Measuring Up
by Lily LaMotte
Cici has just moved from Taiwan to Seattle and all she wants is to make friends, but she can't help but miss her grandmother. A local cooking contest may provide the solution to all of Cici's problems.
J LAMOTTE (Graphic Novel)

Mr. Wolf's Class
by Aron Nels Steinke
Mr. Wolf, a first-year teacher, gets to know his diverse group of anthropomorphized animal students in this series starter featuring realistic problems, reliably funny punchlines, and saturated full-color art.
Part of a series.
J STEINKE (Graphic Novel)

My Video Game Ate My Homework
by Dustin Hansen
Due to dyslexia, Dewey has trouble with school, and when his grade-saving science project gets sucked into a VR game, he and his friends go into the video game for the adventure of a lifetime.
J HANSEN (Graphic Novel)

Nat Enough by Maria Scrivan
In her attempt to achieve popularity and win back her popularity-obsessed ex-BFF, Natalie discovers lots of things she is not great at—dancing, drama, sports—as well as friends who appreciate her the way she is. *Part of a series.*
J SCRIVAN (Graphic Novel)

The Okay Witch
by Emma Steinkellner
Upon learning her family's connection to town myths, thirteen-year-old loner Moth explores her heritage and local history along with newfound witching powers in this debut graphic novel.
J STEINKELLNER (Graphic)

Science Comics: Cats: Nature and Nurture
by Andy Hirsch
Charming art and comedic interludes beguile the reader into a much deeper and scientific understanding of not just how cats interact with the world but also the genetic and evolutionary processes that led to modern domestic felines. *Part of a series.*
J 599.75 HIRSCH (Graphic)

Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer
by Gillian Goerz
When they meet at a yard sale, fifth-graders Jamila and Shirley hatch a plan to get out of the summer camps their mothers signed them up for and band together in a neighborhood crime-solving partnership.
J GOERZ (Graphic Novel)

Sincerely, Harriet
by Sarah Winifred Searle
Harriet and her family are new to Chicago. Hoping to make new friends, Harriet meets an unlikely ally who provides companionship to Harriet as she copes with a chronic illness.
J SEARLE (Graphic Novel)

Snapdragon by Kat Leyh
Snap and the town's rumored witch, Jacks, make a deal to help each other out, but Snap realizes along the way that Jacks may have real magic and a certain connection to Snap's family's past.
J LEYH (Graphic Novel)

Stargazing by Jen Wang
Free-spirited Moon shares a secret with conformist Christine about Moon's celestial visions, a revelation that soon becomes the major conflict in the girls' unlikely friendship.
J WANG (Graphic Novel)

Stepping Stones (Peapod Farm #1)
by Lucy Knisley
Forced to leave the city and live on a farm with her mother's new boyfriend and his family, Jen struggles to adjust to her new life and wonders if she will ever truly fit in with her new siblings. *Part of a series.*
J KNISLEY (Graphic Novel)

Twins by Varian Johnson,
Identical twins Maureen and Francine adjust to starting middle school, sharing friends, and competing for student council votes. Part of a series.
J JOHNSON (Graphic Novel)

White Bird: A Wonder Story
by R. J. Palacio
Julian, the bully in Wonder, asks his grandmother to tell him the story of Julien, the classmate who saved her life by sheltering Julian's grandmere in his family's barn during World War II to hide her from Nazis.
J PALACIO (Graphic Novel)

The Witches by Roald Dahl
A graphic novel version of Roald Dahl's classic story of a child, his grandmother, and a nefarious plot to destroy the world's children.
J DAHL (Graphic Novel)

Witches of Brooklyn
by Sophie Escabasse
After her mother's death, Effie moves in with her two aunts and finds that life continues to take unexpected turns, including the most unexpected of all: she finds out she's a witch!
J ESCABASSE (Graphic Novel)

Yorick and Bones
by Jeremy Tankard
In this Shakespearean sendup told in iambic pentameter, Yorick reemerges desperate for a friend after hundreds of years underground, but he only manages to attract a pesky dog.
J TANKARD (Graphic Novel)

Zatanna and the House of Secrets
by Matthew Cody
Zatanna and her magician father live in a house filled with secrets, puzzles, and more—a magical ride of a story.
J DC…(Graphic Novel)

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