



Graphic Novels

Graphic novels are structured like a comic book with sequenced pictures that tell a story and are written in multiple reading levels. They come in fiction and non-fiction, and in all literary genres such as fairy tales, historical fiction, science fiction, fantasy, informational, historical and biographical.

Why are Graphic Novels great for second language learners? The illustrations throughout the book:

- Support text
- provide clues for difficult text and vocabulary
- teach story structure through a clear sequence
- are motivating for struggling readers or students learning a language because they can follow a storyline visually

Below is a very short list of graphic novels to get started. There are so many more wonderful graphic novels to read and because of the illustrations, you do not have to follow the grade level suggestions below. Go to your local library and ask your librarian where you can find more.

K-2

The Big Wet Balloon by Liniers

Written and Drawn by Henrietta by Liniers

Little Mouse Gets Ready by Jeff Smith

Luke on the Loose by Harry Bliss

Babymouse - a series by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm

Dog Man – a series by Dav Pilkey

3-5

Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure by Nadja Spiegelman, illustrated by Sergio García Sánchez
(Also available in Spanish as Perdidos en NYC: una aventura en el metro)

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales a series by Nathan Hale



Bone – a series by Jeff Smith

Ghosts by Reina Telgemeier

Sisters by Raina Telgemeier

To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel by Siena Cherson Siegel

Diary of a Wimpy Kid – a series by Jeff Kinney

Dork Diaries – a series by Rachel Renée Russell

The Last Kids on Earth Series by Max Braillier

The Babysitter's Club - a series adapted by Raina Telgemeier based on novels by Ann M. Martin

6-8

Astronaut Academy: Zero Gravity - by Dave Roman

Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection by Matt Dembicki

Drama by Raina Telgemeier

The Other Side of the Wall by Simon Schwartz

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

Sunny Side Up by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm

The Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Graphic Novel Series by Robert Venditti

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle, adapted and illustrated by Hope Larson

The Graveyard Book, Volume 1 based on the novel by Neil Gaiman, adapted and illustrated by P. Craig Russell

Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography by Sid Jacobson, illustrated by Ernie Colón



Gaijin: American Prisoner of War by Matt Faulkner

Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel by Mariah Marsden

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

9-12

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

The Complete Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes, adapted and illustrated by Rob Davis

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho and Daniel Sampere

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, adapted by Nancy Butler, illustrated by Hugo Petrus

The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka, adapted and illustrated by Peter Kuper

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children: The Graphic Novel by Ransom Riggs, illustrated by Cassandra Jean

Tomboy by Liz Prince

Amazing Fantastic Incredible: A Marvelous Memoir by Stan Lee, Peter David and Colleen Doran

Maus: A Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman

Gris Grimly's Frankenstein assembled from the original text by Mary Shelley

21: The Story of Roberto Clemente by Wilfred Santiago

March: Book One by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, Illustrated by Nate Powell