

Favourite Graphic Novels for Secondary School Children



These comics and graphic novels offer a different route into discovering the pleasure of reading.

The graphic novel format is a great way to engage reluctant readers, present difficult subject matter in an accessible way, as well as to just enjoy a great read. There is something on this list for every teen.

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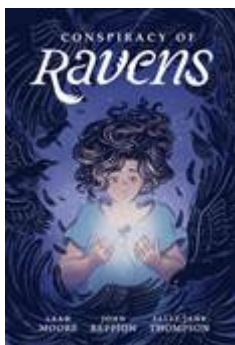
Crush

Author: Svetlana Chmakova

Interest level: 9-14

Reading age: 9+

Welcome to Berrybrook School. Jorge has a pretty comfortable life here: a spot on the athletics team and two brilliant friends. Wh...



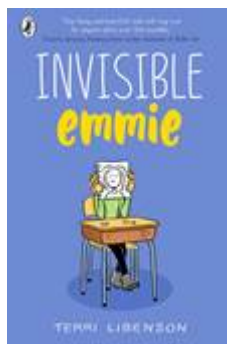
Conspiracy of Ravens

Author: Leah Moore / John Reppion / Sally Jane Thompson

Interest level: 10-14

Reading age: 9+

Anne Ravenhall is just trying to get through her exams at boarding school - until a mysterious aunt leaves her a mysterious locket...



Invisible Emmie

Author: Terri Libenson

Interest level: 10-14

Reading age: 10+

Thirteen-year-old Emmie is the quiet girl at school, the one nobody notices. She loves to draw – and is good at it too – and has a...



Sheets

Author: Brenna Thummler

Interest level: 10-14

Reading age: 10+

At just 13, Marjorie has to run the family launderette. When a plan emerges to turn it into a posh yoga retreat, unexpected h...



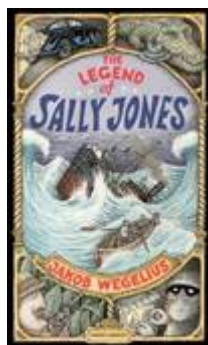
KidGlovz

Author: Julie Hunt and Dale Newman

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

This stunning pencil-drawn graphic novel of talent, music and friendship will readers young and old. You'll be rooting for KidGlovz...



The Legend of Sally Jones

Author: Jakob Wegelius **Translator:** Peter Graves

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

Jakob Wegelius' graphic novel prequel to the novel *The Murderer's Ape* tells the gorilla Sally Jones' sad origin story wi...



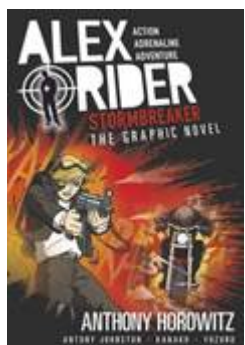
Pumpkin Heads

Author: Rainbow Rowell **Illustrator:** Faith Erin Hicks

Interest level: 12-16

Reading age: 10+

A story of friendship and romance told in a funny and inclusive graphic novel that celebrates the joy and diversity of Halloween t...



Stormbreaker: The Graphic Novel

Author: Anthony Horowitz

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

The graphic novel adaptation of this well-written and action-packed story of a teenage spy works really well



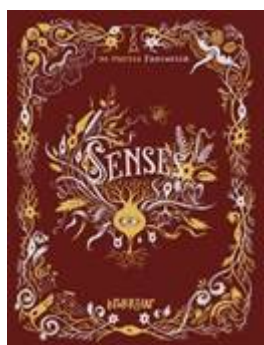
Trish Trash: Rollergirl of Mars - The Collected Edition

Author: Jessica Abel; backgrounds and design by Lydia Roberts; colours by Walter

Interest level: 12-14

Reading age: 12+

This collection of *Trish Trash: Rollergirl of Mars*, issues 1-3, is a fascinating graphic novel, melding a dystopian Mars soci...



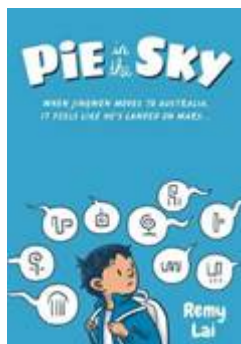
The Senses

Author: Matteo Farinella

Interest level: 11-16

Reading age: 11+

Diane starts to explore her five senses with the help of a virtual reality headset. It's extremely unusual to see scientific ...



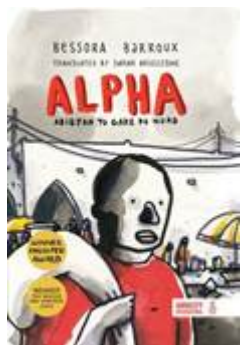
Pie in the Sky

Author: Remy Lai

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

Illustrated throughout, this heartfelt story contains so much: a family coping with bereavement, the alienation of moving somewhere...



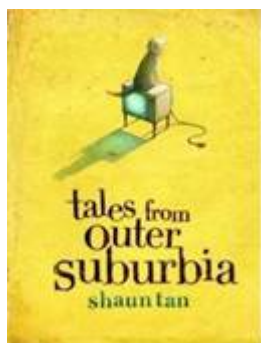
Alpha: Abidjan to Gare du Nord

Author: Bessora & Barroux **Translator:** Sarah Ardizzone

Interest level: 14-16

Reading age: 14+

A powerful, terrible and essential story, Alpha should be required reading for everyone. The graphic novel highlights the terror a...



Tales From Outer Suburbia

Author: Shaun Tan

Interest level: 11-12

Reading age: 10+

These often thought-provoking stories look at the reactions ordinary people have to the unusual situations they find themselves in...



Ethel & Ernest

Author: Raymond Briggs

Interest level: 13+

Reading age: 12+

Ethel & Ernest tells the story of Raymond Briggs' parents, from 1928 to their deaths in the 70s - spanning a period of great s...



The Amulet of Samarkand: A Bartimaeus Graphic Novel

Author: Jonathan Stroud

Interest level: 9-10

Reading age: 9+

The graphic novel adaptation of the first volume in the best-selling Bartimaeus sequence makes the series more accessible to read...



Dark Satanic Mills

Author: Marcus & Julian Sedgwick **Illustrator:** John Higgins and Marc Olivent

Interest level: 13+

Reading age: 13+

In a Britain laid to waste by catastrophic global warming, a motorcycle courier, Christy, and an atheist campaigner are on the run...



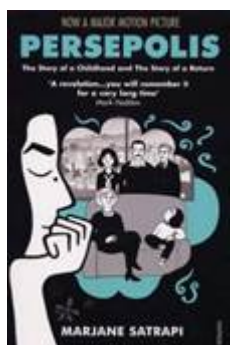
Maus

Author: Art Spiegelman

Interest level: 12+

Reading age: 12+

This is the complete story of Vladek Spiegelman and his wife, living and surviving in Hitler's Europe.



Persepolis

Author: Marjane Satrapi **Translator:** Blake Ferris

Interest level: 13+

Reading age: 12+

Persepolis is Satrapi's history of Iran and her life in Iran and France as she tries to retain her Iranian culture but also grow u...



Awkward

Author: Svetlana Chmakova

Interest level: 12+

Reading age: 12+

Awkward perfectly captures the secondary school experience – friendships, rivalries, secrets, eccentric teachers, and also wh...



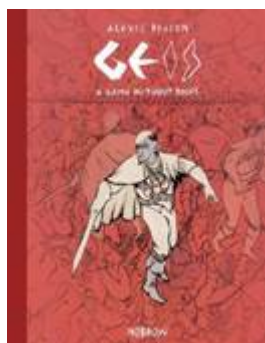
Geis

Author: Alexis Deacon

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 10+

The chief of her tribe is dying, and has no heir. To decide the rulership of her kingdom after her death, she calls fifty warriors...



Geis 2: A Game Without Rules

Author: Alexis Deacon

Interest level: 12-18

Reading age: 10+

In this sequel to *Geis: A Matter of Life and Death*, Alexis Deacon creates a darker, perilous fairytale, in which his characte...



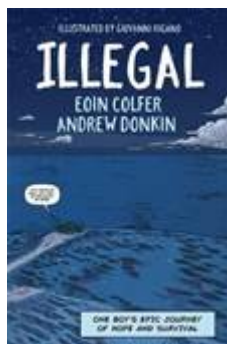
Jane, the Fox & Me

Author: Fanny Britt **Illustrator:** Isabelle Arsenault & **Translator:** Christelle Morelli and Susan Ouriou

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 10+

This thought-provoking graphic novel by Fanny Britt, exquisitely illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault, is a real visual delight



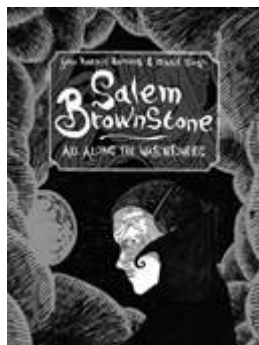
Illegal

Author: Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin and **Illustrator:** Giovanni Rigano

Interest level: 10-16

Reading age: 10+

Illegal tells the story of Ebo, a 12-year-old boy who flees grinding poverty, zero opportunities and a drunken uncle in his s...



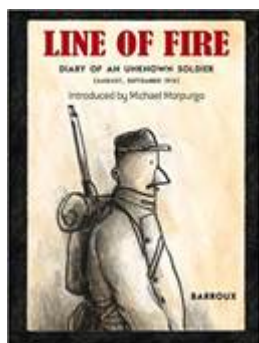
Salem Brownstone: All Along the Watchtowers

Author: John Harris Dunning **Illustrator:** Nikhil Singh

Interest level: 13+

Reading age: 13+

In this dark gothic fantasy, Salem must meet his guardian familiar, get help from some new friends and defeat mysterious dark forc...



Line Of Fire: Diary Of An Unknown Soldier

Author: Barroux **Translator:** Sarah Ardizzone

Interest level: 12+

Reading age: 12+

In this striking graphic novel adaptation of a 100-year-old diary, the events of the first two months of WWI are told through the ...



The Marvels

Author: Brian Selznick

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 10+

More than just a mystery, *The Marvels* is a heart-warming story about growing up, identity and family, full of cinematic and captiv...



The Isobel Journal

Author: Isobel Harrop

Interest level: 13+

Reading age: 12+

Subtitled 'Just a Northern Girl from Where Nothing Really Happens', this beautifully-presented book from 18-year-old d...



Romeo and Juliet - Manga Shakespeare

Author: Sonia Leong and William Shakespeare Adapted by Richard Appignanesi

Interest level: 13+

Reading age: 13+

Set in modern Tokyo, with the Capulets and Montagues recast as organised-crime rivals, this racy retelling gets to the heart ...



The Arrival

Author: Shaun Tan

Interest level: 8-9

Reading age: 8+

In this unusual book, we follow a young man as he packs his bags and leaves his family to go and start a new life in another count...