



2018 Maverick Graphic Novel Annotated Reading List



6th - 8th Grade Interest Level

Siegel, Mark, et al. *5 Worlds, Vol. 1: the Sand Warrior*. Random House, 2017.

ISBN: 9781101935866

This team of five authors and illustrators has created a gorgeous scifi and fantasy universe where five worlds are on the brink of extinction.

Jamieson, Victoria. *All's Faire in Middle School*. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2017.

ISBN: 9780525429982

Imogene grew up working at the Renaissance Faire with her family. Now she wants to try the adventure of going to middle school. Knights and dragons are nothing compared to figuring out how to survive school!

Chmakova, Svetlana, et al. *Brave*. Yen Press, 2017.

ISBN: 9780316363174

In this follow up to *Awkward*, the characters return with a focus on Jensen Graham, who thinks of himself as a secret superhero of sorts. Unfortunately, he is perceived by others as...not so much. He views middle school like a GameBoy challenge--overcoming the hurdles of bullies and more, and his only escape is the beloved school Art Club, where he hopes to shine....

Alice, Alex, et al. *Castle in the Stars*. First Second, an Imprint of Roaring Book Press, 2017.

ISBN: 9781626724938

1869, Germany. An engineer and his young son travel to Germany to build a spaceship for Mad King Ludwig, but the king is betrayed by his chancellor who is working for the Prussians.

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Libenson, Terri. *Invisible Emmie*. Balzer Bray, 2017.

ISBN: 9780062484932

Emmie is a quiet, artistic student who is struggling to fit in at school, Katie is a popular girl, and both have a crush on the same boy. An embarrassing note changes everything.

Hatke, Ben, et al. *Mighty Jack*. First Second, an Imprint of Roaring Brook Press, a Division of Holtzbrinck, 2016.

ISBN: 9781626722644

When Jack and his sister Maddy are given mysterious beans and seeds at a fair, they have no idea what magical elements will arise when they are planted.

Xu, Ru. *NewsPrints*. Scholastic, Incorporated, 2017.

ISBN: 9780545803120

Wonderful story about the power of friendship and being courageous enough to be true to yourself. This steampunk world is full of movement and life.

Loux, Matthew. *The Time Museum*. First Second, 2017.

ISBN: 9781596438491

Delia and friends travel through time as they compete for an internship at the Time Museum. New skills are learned, like not getting eaten by dinosaurs and don't talk to mysterious time travelers in the Cretaceous period.

Grine, Chris. *Time Shifters*. Graphix, An Imprint of Scholastic Press, 2017.

ISBN: 9780545926591

When Luke investigates an eerie blue glow in the woods behind his house, he doesn't know what he'll find there. But a scientist, a robot Abraham Lincoln riding a friendly dinosaur, and a sassy ghost were the last things he could have imagined stumbling upon.

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Wheeler, Andrew, and Paulina Ganucheau. *Another Castle: Grimoire*. Diamond Comic Distributors, 2017.

ISBN: 9781620103111

Strong and independent Princess Artemisia wants nothing to do with being a traditional princess. She would rather defend her kingdom. When she is taken prisoner by the immortal Badlug to become his bride, Misty works to bring him down. She is helped along the way by a diverse group of humans and monsters.

Tynion, James, et al. *The Backstagers*. Published by Boom! Box, a Division of Boom Entertainment, Inc., 2017.

ISBN: 9781681598796

Jory has just transferred to an all-boys private school, where he hopes to fade into the woodwork. Instead, he is drawn into the wild, weird world of the Backstagers—the technical theater crew. They battle all sorts of creatures as they fight their way towards putting on an awesome play. Funny and action-packed! From the author of *The Woods*.

Sun, Jomny. *Everyone's a Aliebn When Ur a Aliebn Too*. Harperperennial, 2017.

ISBN: 9780062569028

An alien is sent to earth to learn about humans, but instead, he seems to interact with everything but humans. In doing so, he learns about friendship, emotions, and himself. Full of wisdom, humor, and cuteness! Based on the author's Twitter account.



Irvine, Alex. *Far Side of the Moon: the Story of Apollo 11's Third Man*. Tilbury, 2017.

ISBN: 9780884484523

Michael Collins, the third member of the Apollo 11 space flight, is the subject of this graphic novel. He was the one member of the team who did not walk on the moon. Rather, he was the one responsible for getting them back home.

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Napoli, Donna Jo, and David Wiesner. *Fish Girl*. Clarion Books, 2017.

ISBN: 9780544815124

Mira spends her days as Fish Girl, a boardwalk sideshow act, fearing to disturb Neptune. When she makes a new friend, Mira starts to wonder what lies beyond her tank.

Ozaki, Kaori, and Melissa Tanaka. *The Gods Lie*. Vertical, Inc., 2016.

ISBN: 9781942993360

Sixth grader Natsuro ends up skipping summer soccer camp without telling his mother and staying with his classmate Rio and her younger brother at their derelict house. The story takes a turn when Natsuro discovers why Rio and her brother are living alone.

Medina, Tony, et al. *I Am Alfonso Jones*. Tu Books, an Imprint of Lee & Low Books Inc., 2017.

ISBN: 9781620142639

Alfonso Jones is a teenager who is shot and killed by an off-duty officer when his suit hanger was mistaken for a gun. Alfonso looks on the aftermath of his death with others who have come before him and sees how the Black Lives Matter movement has been affected through this tragedy.

Larson, Hope, and Rebecca Mock. *Knife's Edge*. Margaret Ferguson Books/Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017.

ISBN: 9780374300449

Full of adventure and some adolescent angst, this is a fast-paced, absorbing tale. The characters, including the villains, are fully realized, with detailed backstories and motivations.

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Clugston-Flores, Chynna, and Maddi Gonzalez. *Lumberjanes Gotham Academy*. Boom! Box, 2017.

ISBN: 9781608869459

Olive, Maps, Colton, Pom, and Kyle go looking for their missing teacher and are left with only an outdated birthday invitation as the clue. They team up with the Lumberjanes, who are on the hunt for their missing Camp Director.

Gauld, Tom. *Mooncop*. Drawn & Quarterly, a Client Publisher of Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017.

ISBN: 9781770462540

When the new colony on the moon fizzles out and people start moving back to Earth, do they still need a mooncop?

Yang, Gene Luen, et al. *New Super-Man. Made in China*. DC Comics, 2017.

ISBN: 9781401270933

Teens will enjoy this reimagining of the birth of Superman as a regular, if a big pompous, Chinese guy. Humor and action abound as Kong Kenan struggles with his new role.

Sophie-chan. *The Ocean of Secrets*. Tokyopop, 2017.

ISBN: 9781427857148

Lia, an orphan, is rescued at sea by a mysterious ship. Her rescuers, Moria and Al, tell her a fantastical story about a missing princess, hidden kingdoms, and a secretive group of peacekeepers.

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Chanani, Nidhi. *Pashmina*. First Second, 2017.

ISBN: 9871626720879

As a typical American teenager, Pri (Priyanka Das) has a lot of questions. As the child of a single, Indian immigrant mother, she has many unanswered questions: Why did her mother leave India? What was India like? Who is her father, and why did her mom leave him? Unfortunately Pri's mom avoids answering these questions—putting a strain on their relationship and further piquing Priyanka's interest, as India seems to call to her. Just when mother and daughter seem to be at an impasse, Pri finds a mysterious pashmina that holds the answers to her questions and transports her back to the seat of her heritage. But is this the real? In order to gain the answers that she craves, Pri must travel farther than she's ever dared—physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

Hinds, Gareth, and Edgar Allan Poe. *Poe: Stories and Poems*. Candlewick Press, 2017.

ISBN: 9780763681128

Poe's beloved stories and poems come to life in graphic form with full-color illustrations in macabre tones. Students and teachers alike will enjoy this collection.

Findakly, Brigitte, et al. *Poppies of Iraq*. Drawn & Quarterly, 2017.

ISBN: 9781770462939

In this graphic memoir, colored drawings interspersed with the author's family photographs, tell her life story of growing up middle class Christian in Iraq during the 1960s through the present. It is a touching story about growing up, family, and exile.

Hale, Shannon, and Pham LeUyen. *Real Friends*. First Second, 2017.

ISBN: 9781626727854

Shannon and Adrienne have been friends since kindergarten. When Adrienne moves away and returns later, she finds a new group of friends who may not be so welcoming of Shannon.

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Meyer, Marissa, and Douglas Holgate. *Wires and Nerve, Volume 1*. Feiwel & Friends, 2017.

ISBN: 9781250078261

When rogue packs of wolf-hybrid soldiers threaten the tenuous peace alliance between Earth and Luna, Iko, an android with a heart of (mechanized) gold, takes it upon herself to hunt down the soldiers' leader. She is soon working with a handsome royal guard who forces her to question everything she knows about love, loyalty, and her own humanity.

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Duca, Leila Del, et al. *Afar*. Image Comics, Inc., 2017.

ISBN: 9781632159410

Boetema must learn to harness her newfound ability to teleport her consciousness to other planets in her dreams while on the run with her brother after angering the cyber security of their home city.

Easton, Brandon M., et al. *Andre the Giant Closer to Heaven*. Lion Forge Comics, 2017.

ISBN: 9781941302149

Great biography of the biggest wrestler of all time, Andre the Giant Roussimoff, following his career from the French countryside, to Japan, to US audiences. A fitting tribute.

Fukuyama, Ryoko. *Anonymous Noise*. Viz Media, 2017.

ISBN: 9781421594200

Nino, a girl who loves to sing, is forced to say goodbye to not one, but two best friends growing up. She believes her singing will reunite her with both of them.

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Roe, Claire, et al. *Batgirl and the Birds of Prey: Who Is Oracle? Vol. 1*. DC COMICS, 2017.

ISBN: 9781401268671

Barbara Gordon returns as Batgirl and must suit up with Black Canary and Huntress to discover who has her assumed her old mantle of Oracle. Funny and action packed, an enjoyable female empowerment read.

Quinn, Jason, and Lalit Kumar Sharma. *The Beatles: All Our Yesterdays*. Campfire, 2016.

ISBN: 9789381182222

A fun look at the early days of the Beatles. Action packed scenes depict the formation and rise of this mega-group.

Rapp, Adam, and Michael Cavallaro. *Decelerate Blue*. First Second, 2017.

ISBN: 9781596431096

In the not too distant future, Angela is tired of the rapid, hyper way everyone is expected to live their lives. She wants to return to a simpler time where there is time to think, to speak, to appreciate things. When she stumbles across an underground group with the same outlook, she is eager to join.

Sanbe, Kei. *Erased, Vol. 1*. Yen Press, 2017.

ISBN: 9780316553315

Satoru is trudging through life trying to make his dream of becoming a manga artist come true. It doesn't help that he keeps having "revivals"—loops where he travels back in time to right a wrong. When one particularly terrible event happens, he is sent 18 years into the past to stop a murder and change the future. Can he do it?!

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Houser, Jody, et al. *Faith*. Vol. 1-4, Valiant Entertainment LLC, 2016.

Faith, Volume 1: Hollywood & Vine (ISBN: 9781682151211)

Faith is on her own! A 'psiot' recently split from her superhero crew, she is looking to carve a new place for herself. That includes a new job and a new alter-ego.

Faith, Volume 2: California Scheming (ISBN: 9781682151631)

This is a feel-good comic with positive messages and geeky storylines. A superhero at a comic con?! This feel like the audience is reading the diary of a fellow nerd who just happens to have super powers.

Faith, Volume 3: Superstar (ISBN: 9781682151990)

“As Los Angeles' high-flying protector, Faith has inspired the dreams of an entire metropolis... Now get ready to meet its worst nightmare. When an escaped psiot prisoner starts tearing through the streets, Faith must stop her fiery rampage before all hell breaks loose! But this isn't just any ordinary threat... Not only can this empowered escapee drain the energy of everything in sight, she's one of L.A.'s most controversial pop stars to boot!” ([Goodreads](#))

Faith, Volume 4: The Faithless (ISBN: 9781682152195)

“Introducing the ultimate supervillain revenge squad! The villains are coming! Faith's most fearsome foes and ruthless rogues—including Chris Chriswell, Murder Mouse, Dark Star, and Sydney—have finally united, creating an unstoppable coalition of evil with one goal in mind: Destroy Faith Herbert! Together, they are The Faithless...and if Los Angeles' greatest hero doesn't think fast and fly even faster, they're going to ground the sky-soaring psiot for good!” ([Goodreads](#))

McKenna, Aline Brosh, et al. *Jane*. Archaia, 2017.

ISBN: 9781608869817

In this reimagining of Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*, Jane is an art student in modern day NYC. All the elements are here - mysterious Rochester, the woman in the attic, etc.

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Liz, Renae De, and Ray Dillon. *The Legend of Wonder Woman*. DC Comics, 2016.

ISBN: 9781401267285

This is a great introduction to Wonder Woman's history as she helps her friends Etta Candy and Steve Trainor defeat the Axis while rescuing an important artifact for her mother, Queen Hippolyta.



Manga Classics:

Silvermoon, Crystal, et al. *The Count of Monte Cristo: Alexandre Dumas*. Udon Entertainment Inc., 2017.

ISBN: 9781927925614



"A conspiracy and miscarriage of justice turn the gentle Edmond Dantes into an implacable agent of fate: *The Count of Monte Cristo*. Obsessed by vengeance and empowered by providence, the Count avenges himself on those who have wronged him - but is this justice, or is this hubris? In the end, does even the Count know?" (back cover)

Silvermoon, Crystal, et al. *Jane Eyre*. Udon Entertainment Inc., 2016.

ISBN: 9781927925645

Manga version of the classic story of a governess who falls in love with her mysterious employer. What secrets will Jane Eyre uncover?

Silvermoon, Crystal, et al. *The Jungle Book*. Udon Entertainment, 2017.

ISBN: 9781772940190

An entertaining introduction to the stories and poems of Rudyard Kipling. The black and white drawings bring the animal characters to life. This is a fun and easy way to access some of the most beloved short stories in the world.

Fletcher, Brenden, et al. *Motor Crush*. Image Comics, 2017.

ISBN: 9781534301894

By day Domino Swift competes as a professional motocross racer, by night she competes in underground mob run races with performance boosters. The mystery is- why the same performance enhancing chemicals that work on the bikes work on Domino too.

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Vaughan, Brian K., et al. *Paper Girls*. Vol. 1-3, Image Comics, 2016.

Paper Girls, Volume 1 (ISBN: 9781632156747)

Four newspaper girls, in the early morning hours after Halloween 1988, come together against bullies, time-travelers, alien creatures, and their own fears in this sci-fi adventure.

Paper Girls, Volume 2 (ISBN: 9781632158956)

“After surviving the strangest night of their lives in the Cleveland suburb of Stony Stream, intrepid young newspaper deliverers Erin, Mac, and Tiffany find themselves launched from 1988 to a distant and terrifying future... the year 2016.

What would you do if you were suddenly confronted by your 12-year-old self? 40-year-old newspaper reporter Erin Tieng is about to find out in this action-packed story about identity, mortality, and growing older in the 21st century.” ([Goodreads](#))

Paper Girls, Volume 3 (ISBN: 9781534302235)

80's sci-fi meets Dr. Who time travel meets Lost plot lines, great characters.

Leth, Kate, et al. *Patsy Walker A.k.a. Hellcat!: Hooked on a Feline*. Marvel Worldwide, Inc., a Subsidiary of Marvel Entertainment, LLC, 2016.

ISBN: 9781302900359

Patsy has managed to escape her past, her enemies, and hell itself. But, nothing compares to job hunting in NYC.

Lemire, Jeff, et al. *Plutona*. Image Comics, Inc., 2016.

ISBN: 9781632156013

A group of mismatched teens discover the body of a dead superhero in the woods. This dark discovery threatens their relationships and their lives.

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Costa, Ben, and James Parks. *Rickety Stitch and the Gelatinous Goo: The Road to Epoli*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2017.

ISBN: 9780399556142

Join your average minstrel skeleton Rickety Stitch as he goes on an epic quest to uncover his origins with the aid of his trusty sidekick The Goo.

Shinn, Sharon, and Molly Ostertag. *Shattered Warrior, Volume 1*. First Second, 2017.

ISBN: 9781626720894

Colleen's homeworld was invaded by aliens intent on stripping its mineral resources years ago. Now an adult woman with no family, she must navigate this new world and decide where she will stand.

Moffat, Steven, and Jay. *Sherlock: a Study in Pink*. Titan Comics, 2017.

ISBN: 9781785856150

A series of suicides are actually the work of a serial killer. Sherlock and John must stop the murderer before there is another victim. One that could be Sherlock himself.

Hyman, Miles, and Shirley Jackson. *Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery" a Graphic Adaptation*. Hill and Wang, 2016.

ISBN: 9780809066506

A wonderfully rendered retelling of Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery."



Westerfeld, Scott, et al. *Spill Zone*. First Second, 2017.

ISBN: 9781596439368

Three years ago an event destroyed the small city of Poughkeepsie, forever changing Addison's life. Addison takes care of her sister by photographing the Spill Zone's twisted attraction, but getting the perfect shot can mean death, or worse.

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Walden, Tillie. *Spinning*. First Second, 2017.

ISBN: 9781626729407

It was the same every morning. Wake up, grab the ice skates, and head to the rink while the world was still dark. Tillie was good. She won. And she hated it. The more she thought about it, the more she realized she'd outgrown her passion—and she finally needed to find her own voice.

Young, Keezy, et al. *Taproot*. The Lion Forge, LLC, 2017.

ISBN: 9781941302460

"Blue is having a hard time moving on. He's in love with his best friend. He's also dead. Luckily, Hamal can see ghosts, leaving Blue free to haunt him to his heart's content. But something eerie is happening in town, leaving the local afterlife unsettled, and when Blue realizes Hamal's strange ability may be putting him in danger, Blue has to find a way to protect him, even if it means... leaving him." (from Publisher)



Osborne, Melissa Jane, and Veronica Fish. *The Wendy Project*. Papercutz, 2017.

ISBN: 9781629917696

Wendy becomes convinced her brother, Michael, is still alive after the car she is driving with her other brother, John, crashes into a pond. Allusions and direct references to *Peter Pan* abound as Wendy deals with the loss through a therapist-assigned composition/drawing notebook. A real and unvarnished journey through dealing with loss.

Kusanagi, Mizuho, and Ysabet Reinhardt MacFarlane. *Yona of the Dawn*. VIZ Media, LLC, 2016.

ISBN: 9781421587813

Princess Yona must flee her kingdom after witnessing her father's murder. Where will she go, and who will help protect her until she can avenger her father?

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Shinkai, Makoto, et al. *Your Name*. Yen Press, 2017.

ISBN: 9780316558556

Mitsuha wants nothing more than to escape her boring, restrictive, rural life and dreams of a life in Tokyo. After making an impulsive wish at a shrine, Mitsuha and a boy named Taki begin swapping lives while dreaming.

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Djian, Jean-Blaise, et al. *The Baker Street Four*. Insight Comics, 2017.

ISBN: 9781608878789

Teens who love Sherlock will love this graphic novel set in Victorian London, inspired by the classic novels. Originally published in French, this translation is full of action and adventure.

Bui, Thi. *The Best We Could Do*. Abrams ComicArts, 2017.

ISBN: 9781419718779

Thi Bui's memoir of her family's escape from Vietnam after the fall of South Vietnam in the 1970s and their struggles creating a new life outside of Vietnam.

Bagieu, Penelope, and Nanette McGuinness. *California Dreamin'*. First Second, 2017.

ISBN: 9781626725461

Before she was Mama Cass, famous singer, she was Ellen Cohen, the daughter of a Baltimore deli owner. Readers learn about her early life, told from the point of view of siblings, parents, and friends.

Kurzweil, Amy. *Flying Couch: a Graphic Memoir*. Publisher's Group West, 2016.

ISBN: 9781936787289

This memoir tells the life stories of three women - the coming of age story of the author herself, her psychologist mother, and her Warsaw Ghetto survivor grandmother.

Adult for YA Interest Level

Gudsruk, Kristen. *Henchgirl*. Dark Horse Books, 2017.

ISBN: 9781506701448

Poor Mary really wants an honest job and to pay taxes but instead is a henchgirl. Will she turn her life around? Go full evil? Be able to pay rent? Whatever happens, it'll be funny and exciting.



Duffy, Damian, et al. *Octavia E. Butler's Kindred*. Abrams ComicArts, 2017.

ISBN: 9781419709470

Dana, an African American author, keeps falling backwards through time to intercede in the life of her ancestors—a Maryland slave owner and the people enslaved by him.