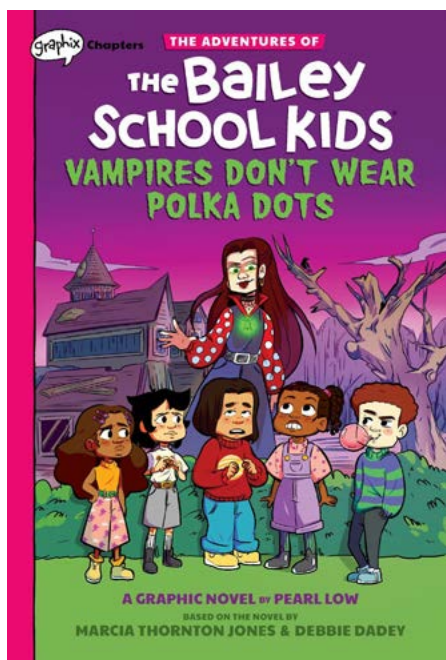


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## **Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots: Graphix Chapters Book**

Kelly Fernández

**All is not what it seems at Bailey Elementary in the first graphic novel adaptation of this classic chapter book series.** The third graders at Bailey Elementary are so hard to handle that all of their teachers have quit. But their new teacher, Mrs. Jeepers, is different -- to say the least. She's just moved from the Transylvanian Alps into a spooky old house in Bailey City. She wears a mysterious brooch that glows as green as her eyes. Could Mrs. Jeepers be a vampire?

Featuring a beloved story by Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones and fresh, funny artwork by Academy Award winner Pearl Low, *Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots* brings the Bailey School Kids into the graphic novel format for the first time.

Graphix series are ideal books for even the youngest readers. With funny, simple text, unforgettable characters, illustrations that support comprehension, and approachable story lengths, these books grow newly independent readers' confidence and turn them into lifelong book lovers!

### **Contributor Bio**

Debbie Dadey grew up in Kentucky and now lives in a log cabin in Tennessee with her husband and a greyhound rescue. Her children live along the East Coast and continue to inspire her. A former first grade teacher and school librarian, she is the author and coauthor of 176 traditionally published books. Her first children's book, *Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots*, coauthored with Marcia Thornton Jones, became *The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids* series, with sales of over 43 million. Her newest series, *Mermaid Tales*, is a multicultural series from Simon and Schuster. An upcoming spin-off series is *Mermaid Mini Tales*. She also coauthored *Writing for Kids: The Ultimate Guide*, with Marcia Thornton Jones.

Marcia Thornton Jones is an award-winning author who has traditionally published 131 books for children, with sales totaling more than 43 million copies worldwide. Her works include *Woodford Brave*, *Ratfink*, and *Champ*. She coauthored the writing guides *Writing for Kids: The Ultimate Guide* and *Story Sparkers* with Debbie Dadey, as well as seven popular children's series, including *The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids* and *Keyholders*. Marcia lives in Lexington, Kentucky, with her husband, Steve, and two cats, where she continues to write, mentor writers, and teach writing classes. She is the coordinator of the Carnegie Center Author Academy, an intensive one-on-one writing program for adult writers working toward publication.

Pearl Low is an Afro-Asian artist based in Vancouver, Canada. Her works are rooted in themes of self-love, acceptance, and Chinese and Jamaican-Canadian experiences. She works in comics and animation and won an Oscar in 2020 for her work on the short film "Hair Love."



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## **Manu: Graphic Novel**

Kelly Fernández

Set at a magical school for girls, a funny and heartwarming middle-grade graphic novel adventure about friendship, defying expectations, and finding your place.

Manu and her best friend, Josefina, live at a magical school for girls, and Manu is always getting into trouble. The headmistress believes that Manu has the potential to help people with her magic, but Manu would rather have fun than fall in line. One day, a prank goes seriously wrong, and Josefina gets angry and wishes for Manu's magic to disappear... and it does. Manu uses a dangerous spell to restore it, but it makes her magic too powerful and nearly impossible to control. Great power comes at a cost, and it may be a price that Manu isn't able to pay!

### Contributor Bio

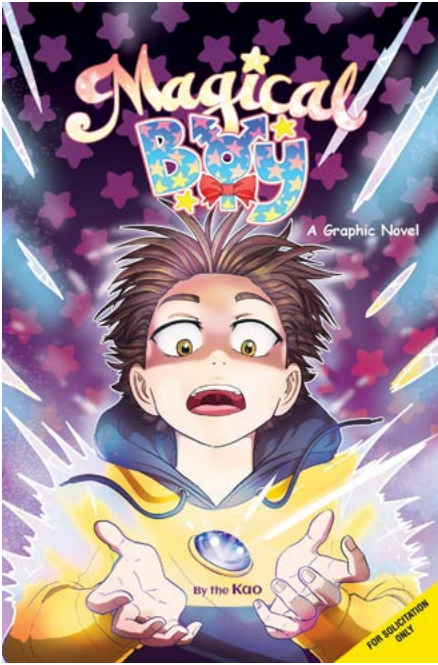
Kelly Fernández makes comics that are inspired by her daily experiences, Dominican heritage, and American culture. Her work has been featured in comics anthologies, and she won a Chicago Alternative Comics Expo Cupcake Award for her minicomic Cuidando. Kelly is a winner of the Get Published by Graphix contest, and Manu is her debut graphic novel. She lives in Queens, New York, and you can visit her online at [kellyfernandez.net](http://kellyfernandez.net).



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## **Magical Boy**

The Kao

A breathtakingly imaginative fantasy series starring Max -- a trans high school student who has to save the world as a "Magical Girl" . . . as a boy! Although he was assigned female at birth, Max is your average trans man trying to get through high school as himself. But on top of classes, crushes, and coming out, Max's life is turned upside down when his mom reveals an eons old family secret: he's descended from a long line of Magical Girls tasked with defending humanity from a dark, ancient evil! With a sassy feline sidekick and loyal gang of friends by his side, can Max take on his destiny, save the world, and become the next Magical Boy? A hilarious and heartfelt riff on the magical girl genre made popular by teen manga series, *Magical Boy* is a one-of-a-kind fantasy series that comic readers of all ages will love.

### **Contributor Bio**

The Kao is Vincent Kao, an illustrator and comic artist known for his slice-of-life web series, *Mondo Mango*, and the Prism Award-winning web comic, *Magical Boy*. Vincent graduated from Columbia College in Chicago with a bachelor of fine arts in Illustration. His work includes storyboarding, comics for independent studios, covers and posters for musicians, and simple character design as well as illustrations for many individual clients under The Kao name.



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240 Pages

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## **City of Dragons: Graphic Novel (City of Dragons #1)**

Jaimal Yogis & Vivian Truong

**From debut creators Jaimal Yogis and Vivian Truong comes an action-packed middle-grade fantasy perfect for fans of Amulet.**

When Grace has to move to Hong Kong for her stepdad's job, her biggest concern is making friends at her fancy new boarding school. But when a mysterious old woman gifts her a dragon egg during a field trip, Grace discovers that the wonderful stories her dad used to tell her before he died might not be so far-fetched after all. Especially when the egg hatches overnight.

The newly hatched dragon is a priceless treasure with powers that Grace has yet to understand. And they are both in danger from evildoers intent on abusing the dragon's power for themselves. It's up to Grace and her classmates to uncover the sinister plot threatening the entire city!

### **Contributor Bio**

Jaimal Yogis is the author of *Saltwater Buddha*, *The Fear Project*, and *All Our Waves Are Water*. A graduate of Columbia Journalism School, Jaimal has written articles for the *Atlantic*, *ESPN Magazine*, and the *Washington Post*. He lives in San Francisco.

Vivian Truong is a London-based cartoonist who has created comics for Riot Games, miHoYo, Future, and more. Her work includes the *Punches and Plants* webcomic series for the popular MOBA game *League of Legends*. Vivian placed top five in the Embassy of Japan's national Manga Jiman competition, and created an award-winning interactive comic *I Fell in Love with Evil*.



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192 Pages

Ages 10 to 14

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## **Fearless**

Kenny Porter & Zach Wilcox

**Fearless is a touching graphic novel about growing up, accepting change, and finding a way to be happy when you miss your best friend.**

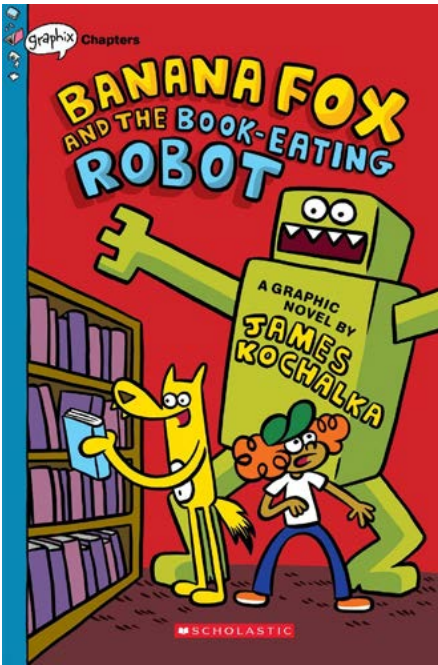
Kara hoped to spend the summer re-enacting episodes of her favorite TV show, Shinpi Rider, with her best friend Alice. But when Alice moves to a new home two towns over, everything changes. Alice mysteriously stops answering Kara's phone calls and letters.

In order to reignite their friendship, Kara hatches a brave plan to bike over to Alice's new school all on her own. After all, "A rider never leaves a friend behind!" Kara's bravery on the journey proves how strong she is but when Kara finally finds Alice, her bravado fades: Alice has found new friends and has left Kara behind. Can Kara be fearless when she feels so alone?

### **Contributor Bio**

Kenny is a comic book writer living in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He's written for DC Comics, SEGA, Image/Top Cow, and more. He graduated with a BA in Writing from Grand Valley State University. You can find him at [portercomics.com](http://portercomics.com).

Zachary Wilcox is a Philadelphia-based artist. He has a master's degree in fine arts for sequential art from Savannah College of Art and Design and a BS in Digital Media from Drexel University. He specializes in comics, illustration, and concept art.



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## **Banana Fox and the Book-Eating Robots** **(Banana Fox #2)**

James Kochalka

Eisner Award-winning cartoonist James Kochalka returns with another uproariously funny caper for Banana Fox to sniff out in this critically acclaimed series from Graphix Chapters!

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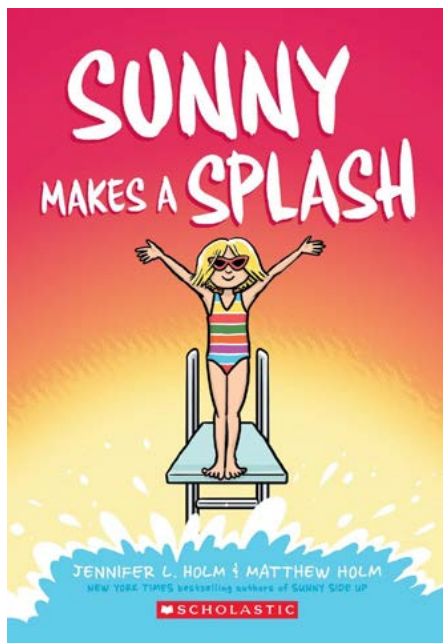
Banana Fox's late fees have landed him in library jail! And when a familiar foe is found around town and a giant book-eating robot is unleashed, it looks like Flashlight and William need to step in to save the day. The junior detectives put their heads together, but when their investigation runs cold, an unlikely hero emerges and proves his own sleuthing skills! But without Banana Fox's help, can the trio put Sour Grapes Jr. behind bars for good?

Graphix Chapters are ideal books for beginning and newly independent readers. With approachable page counts, easy-to-follow paneling, and artwork that supports text comprehension, these engaging stories with unforgettable characters help children become lifelong readers.

Get drawn into reading with Graphix Chapters!

### **Contributor Bio**

James Kochalka is an American comic book artist and writer, and rock musician. His comics are noted for their blending of the real and the surreal. Largely autobiographical, Kochalka's cartoon expression of the world around him includes such real-life characters as his wife, children, cat, friends and colleagues, but always filtered through his own observations and flights of whimsy. In March 2011 he will be declared the cartoonist laureate of Vermont, serving a term of two years.



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## **Sunny Makes a Splash (Book #4)**

Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm

The latest in the New York Times bestselling Sunny series brings Sunny into a sink-or-swim summer, where she needs to float her first job and dive into her first maybe-flirtation.

It's summer, and Sunny is BORED. Most of her friends are out of town. Her mom wants her to baby-sit way more than Sunny wants to baby-sit. There's nothing good on TV.

The only place that's cool (in a not-boring sense) and cool (in a not-hot sense) is the community pool. Sunny loves going there . . . and loves it even more when she's offered a job at the snack shack. Soon she's flinging fries and serving soft ice-cream like a pro . . . with the assistance of the very sweet boy who works with her.

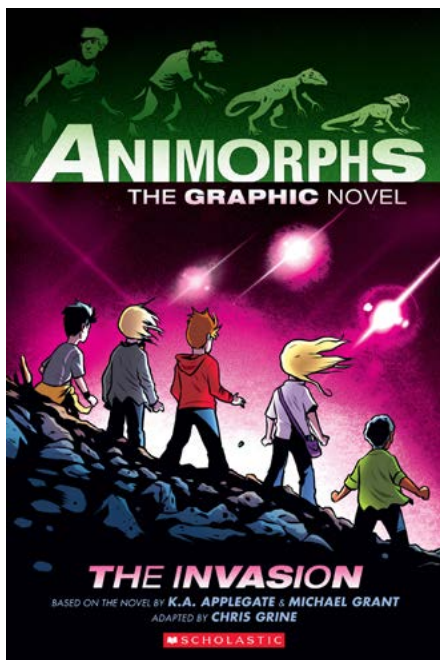
Sunny's mom isn't sure Sunny should be quite so independent. But Sunny is definitely sure: Life is best when it's free swim.

### **Contributor Bio**

Jennifer L. Holm is the New York Times bestselling and three-time Newbery Honor-winning author of multiple novels for young readers. With her brother Matthew, Jennifer created the graphic novel series Babymouse and Squish. She lives in California.

Matthew Holm was born and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and has been drawing comics since he was in middle school. With his sister, Jennifer, Matthew created the graphic novel series Babymouse and Squish. He lives in upstate New York.





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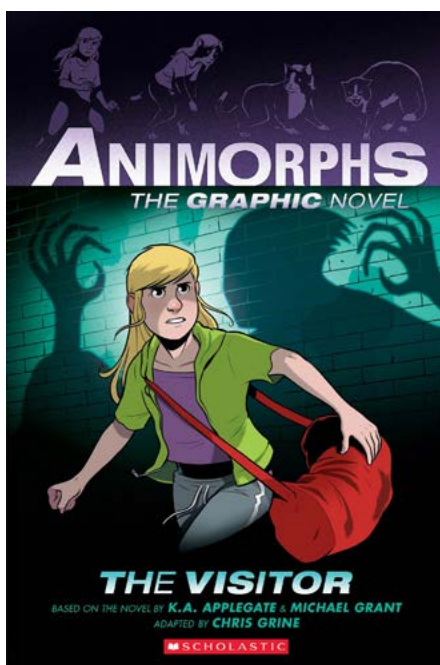
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## **ANIMORPHS GRAPHIC NOVEL #1: THE INVASION**

K. A. Applegate & Chris Grine

The wildly popular, bestselling sci-fi series by Katherine Applegate and Michael Grant returns in a new full-color graphic novel series, adapted by Chris Grine.

Sometimes weird things happen to people. Ask Jake. He could tell you about the night he and his friends saw a strange light in the sky that seemed to be heading right for them. That was the night five normal kids learned that humanity is under a silent attack – and were given the power to fight back. Now Jake, Rachel, Cassie, Tobias, and Marco can transform into some of the most dangerous creatures on Earth. And they must use that power to outsmart an evil greater than anything the world has ever seen. . . .



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## **ANIMORPHS GRAPHIC NOVEL #2: THE VISITOR**

K. A. Applegate & Chris Grine

The wildly popular, bestselling sci-fi series by Katherine Applegate and Michael Grant returns in a new full-color graphic novel series, adapted by Chris Grine.

Rachel is still reeling from the news that Earth is secretly under attack by parasitic aliens, the Yeerks. Now she and her friends are the planet's only defense -- five kids who, purely by chance, stumbled onto a downed spacecraft and were given the power to morph into any animals they touch.

The team's best lead is their assistant principal, Mr. Chapman, who is the human host to a high-ranking Yeerk official. It's not much, but Rachel's always been a daredevil, and she volunteers to infiltrate Chapman's home.

Rachel is tough. She's fearless. But what she finds inside may be more than even she can handle.

### **Contributor Bio**

K.A. APPLGATE is the author of the bestselling Animorphs series, as well as the Remnants and Everworld series, Home of the Brave, and the Roscoe Riley Rules series. She lives in Tiburon, California.

CHRIS GRINE is the creator of the Eisner Award-nominated Chickenhare and Time Shifters. He's been making up stories since he was a kid, and not just to get out of trouble with his parents. Nowadays, Chris spends most of his time writing and illustrating books, drinking lots of coffee, and sleeping as little as possible. He spends his free time with his wife, playing with his kids, watching movies, and collecting action figures (but only the bad guys).



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## **Ms. Marvel: Stretched Thin (Original Graphic Novel)**

Nadia Shammas & Nabi H. Ali

**An original middle-grade graphic novel starring breakout character (and New Jersey's own) Ms. Marvel!**

Kamala Khan (a.k.a. Ms. Marvel) is stretched too thin-literally. She's having a hard time balancing schoolwork with being a good friend, being there for her family, becoming the best fanfic writer this side of the Hudson River . . . and, you know, becoming a Super Hero. She's tired and just barely keeping control, BUT she's handling it. Totally.

But when a mysterious robot tries to infiltrate Avengers Tower, it'll be up to Ms. Marvel to (again, literally) pull herself together, learn to ask for help, and fix the mess she's made before anyone gets hurt!

### **Contributor Bio**

Nadia Shammas is an Arab-American comic writer born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She is the co-creator and author of *SQUIRE*, a Middle Eastern YA fantasy set to be released in Fall 2021. Her other notable projects include being the creator and curator of *CORPUS: A Comic Anthology of Bodily Ailments*, an anthology based around illness, disability, and healthcare experiences. When not writing, she's thinking about her great loves: girls with swords, her cat Lilith, and cold brew coffee.

Nabi H. Ali is a Tamil Muslim kidlit illustrator and visdev artist based in Orange County, California. He loves exploring art centered around the South Asian experience, both within the subcontinent and in the diaspora. During his spare time, Nabi enjoys cooking, painting, and being a history nut.



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## **Great Power, No Responsibility** **(Spider-Ham Graphic Novel)**

Steve Foxe & Shadia Amin

Peter Porker, the Spectacular Spider-Ham (and breakout character from Into the Spider-Verse), arrives in this all-new, original graphic novel for younger readers!

Experience a laugh-out-loud day in the life of Spider-Ham! After long being derided by the citizens of New York, Spider-Ham has finally been recognized for his outsized contribution to the city's safety, and receives the key to the city from none other than the mayor (and, being a cartoon universe, the key actually unlocks New York City's political and financial institutions). Sure, it's just a publicity stunt for the beleaguered mayor-and yeah, maybe every single other super hero was busy that day – but an award is an award!

Of course, Spider-Ham isn't paying attention to the fine print telling him he didn't actually get to keep the key, and he swings off without returning the highly coveted oversized object. The next day, when the mayor's office finally gets in touch to ask for the key back, Spider-Ham realizes he must have dropped it sometime in the last 24 hours. YIKES.

Now, our notoriously empty-headed hero must retrace his steps from the past day, following his own trail to discover where he dropped the key before it falls into villainous hands. Did he lose it during a rooftop chase with the Black Catfish? Drop it in the middle of a tussle with the Green Gobbler? Leave it behind while visiting Croctor Strange's magic mansion? Accidentally store it next to May Porker's vacuum cleaner? Who knows? You'll have to read to find out! But one thing's for sure -- Great Power, No Responsibility is an action-packed, hilarious adventure perfect for younger readers.

### **Contributor Bio**

Steve Foxe is the author of more than fifty comics and children's books for properties including Pokémon, Batman, Transformers, Adventure Time, Steven Universe, and Grumpy Cat. He lives in Queens with his partner and their dog, who is named after a cartoon character. He does not eat ham. Find out more at [stevefoxe.com](http://stevefoxe.com).

Shadia Amin is a Colombian comics artist currently living in the US. Her art aims to capture the fun of super heroes, fantasy, and life itself. Her works include BOOM!'s The Amazing World of Gumball: The Storm, and Oni-Lion Forge's Aggretsuko, as well as collaborations on anthologies like Alloy from Ascend Comics and Votes for Women from Little Bird Press. Burgers are to her what hot dogs are to Spider-Ham.