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# GRAPHIC NOVELS, MANGA and Comics

### from **RANDOM HOUSE INC.** A Collection Development Resource

With an introduction by Robin Brenner, Librarian and the editor-in-chief of No Flying No Tights, the graphic novel review site.



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Graphic novels have become an engaging alternative for readers seeking different kinds of storytelling, but given the stereotypes that still cling to the medium and the increasing number of titles available every month, maintaining a collection is a daunting task.

In collecting graphic novels and comics, remember that variations are included under the graphic novel umbrella: bound volumes of comics, novel-length original works, and Japanese manga series are all graphic novels for a library's purposes. Collections of previously published sequential stories include everything from Marjane Satrapi's Persepolis to the latest Batman collection. Original longer works, like Jessica Abel's La Perdida or Charles Burns' Black Hole, strengthen any collection and improve diversity. Japanese manga, defined as print

comics from Japan, broaden the audience for any graphic novel collection, particularly drawing in young and female readers.

The key is that all of these tell stories through sequential art: a narrative of images and words across the page. Any kind of story can and has been told in this format, from compelling biographies and memoirs to meticulous historical dramas to speculative fantasy. Graphic novels are written with every kind of audience in mind, from a ten-year-old fantasy fan to a forty-year old true-crime junkie. The challenge becomes figuring out which stories will work for your local collection, and anticipating what your patrons expect next.

Always keep in mind the kind of graphic novel collection you want to build—is this collection for a public library, school library, or a special collection? Will it be aimed at kids, teenagers, or adults? Do you want to start with classics or get the hot new titles and then fill in retrospectively, as buzz for the format builds and you can get feedback?

#### Where to start?

Remember to check what you already have! Most libraries collected graphic novels before the format was recognized as a separate type. Whether you reclassify older titles to fit into your graphic novel collection or simply highlight them by pulling them out for a display, remember to investigate what classic titles you already have.

#### There are how many volumes?

Graphic novels are serials, and you will need to purchase multiple volumes to get the complete story. Western comics traditionally tell complete story arcs in one volume, like TV series run stand alone episodes. In Japanese manga, every volume expands on the story in progess. There are far fewer entry points for new readers. For the series your readers are desperate to finish, you will need to commit to completing the series. Build a seed collection of classics and newer first volumes to test the waters in your community. Make sure to include titles from the wide range of what's available. Award winners and literary volumes should mix with popular choices like superheroes to meet readers' demands. A memoir will appeal to the book club crowd, while the latest manga thriller will draw in a whole other audience.

#### Comics for everyone!

If you are in a public library especially, you should have collections for each of the standard age ranges: children, teens, and adults. Think about who each title appeals to the most. Separating out graphic novel collections among the age ranges gently reminds users that there are comics for all these age ranges, and that not every superhero title is appropriate for an eight-year-old.

### YA & UP: Superheroes



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The Dark Knight must discover the identity of a mysterious killer who murders his prey only on holidays.

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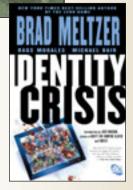
The incredible tale starring Jimmy Olsen, Mary Marvel, Donna Troy and all the major characters of the DC Universe!

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### YA & UP: Superheroes



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#### Geoff Johns GREEN LANTERN: Rebirth

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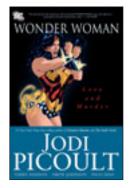
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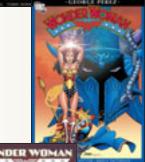
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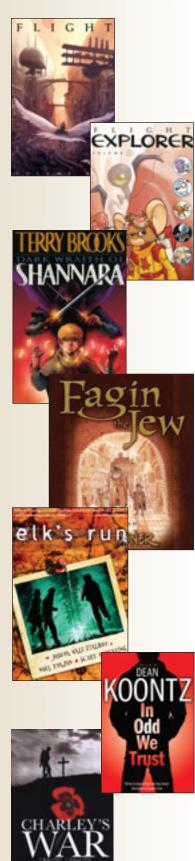
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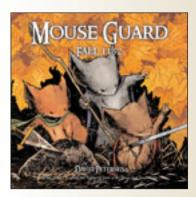
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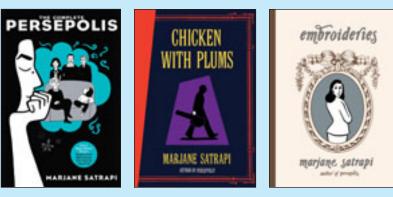
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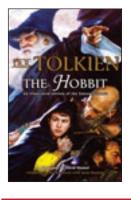
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Keiko Takemiya, Story by Ryu Mitsuse **ANDROMEDA STORIES** 

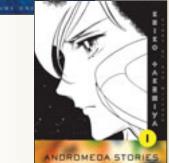
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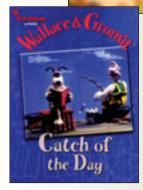
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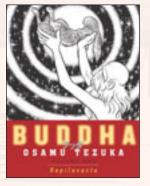






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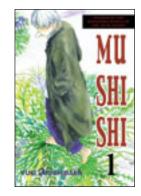
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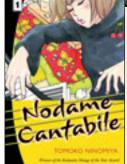
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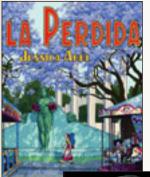








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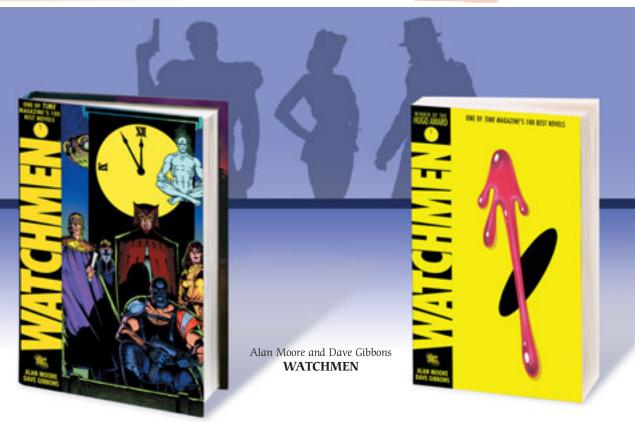
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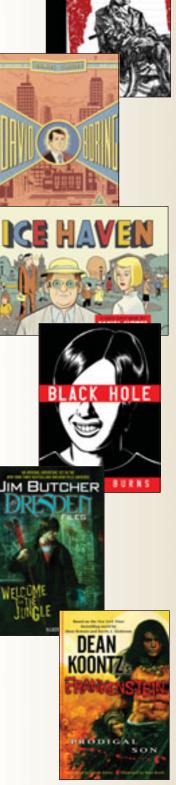
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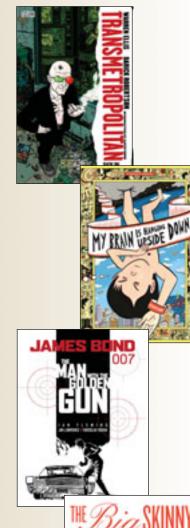
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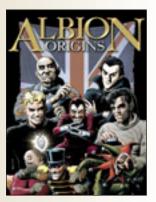
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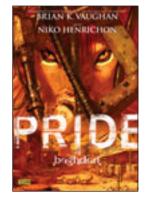
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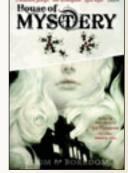
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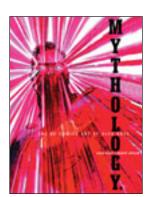
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