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6th and 7th Grade

Children's Graphic Novels

Ata, Iasmin Omar **Nayra and the Djinn**
School is not going well for Nayra, but a mythical being named Marjan appears to help navigate her complicated life.

Miyazaki, Hayao **Shuna's Journey**
For fans of Studio Ghibli, this story of a young prince is inspired by a Tibetan folktale. Prince Shuna's quest for a "golden grain" to feed his struggling kingdom brings him into a world of wonder and danger.

Stevenson, ND **Lumberjanes**
A group of friends attend a scout camp where they encounter mysterious beings, strange events, and dark secrets.

Children's Upper Fiction

Alexander, Kwame **The Door of No Return**
Kofi wants to become a champion swimmer in his African village, but a tragedy changes his life and he must embark on a perilous journey.

Arango, Andrea Beatriz **Iveliz Explains It All**
Iveliz begins middle school and wants to avoid conflict, yet her fluctuating mental health makes it difficult for her to voice her feelings.

Barnhill, Kelly **The Ogress and the Orphans**
An enchanting ogress' kindness inspires change in the town of Stone-in-the-Glen.

Brown, Eli **Oddity**
In an alternative United States, Clover is fascinated with unique objects called Oddities and is determined to save the lost Oddity.

Burt, Jake **Greetings from Witness Protection!**
Nicki is placed in a foster home to protect a family avoiding dangerous criminals, but she discovers that something close to her might be jeopardizing their safety.

Farid, Diana **Wave**
Set in the 1980s, an Iranian American girl named Ava enjoys surfing and is devastated when her best friend Phoenix's lymphoma returns.

Firestone, Carrie **The First Rule of Climate Club**
Mary Kate starts a podcast on climate change and enlists the help of her classmates to address it within their community, even when the mayor doesn't see a solution.

Gaiman, Neil **The Graveyard Book**
Nobody Owens is a child raised by ghosts after his entire family is murdered; in the cemetery, Bod learns to read, write, and evade the murderer who still pursues him.

Higuera, Donna Barba **The Last Cuentista**
After her homeland is destroyed, Petra comes to terms with the major loss and searches for a community called Zetas to prevent a horrific fate.



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Juster, Norton **The Phantom Tollbooth**

A tollbooth suddenly appears in Milo's home, and he is whisked away to a fantasy world that defies logic and embarks on a rescue mission for two princesses.

Keller, Tae **When You Trap a Tiger**

Lily must restore an object that her grandmother stole from a community of magical tigers.

LaRocca, Rajani **Red, White, and Whole**

Reha feels conflicted about her Indian American identity. Her life is turned upside down when her mother is diagnosed with leukemia.

Marsh, Katherine **Nowhere Boy**

In the midst of the Syrian war, Ahmed arrives in Brussels as a refugee and becomes friends with an American boy named Max.

Moore, David Barclay **Holler of the Fireflies**

At a STEM camp in the Appalachian mountains, Javari is unsettled by the prejudice he experiences. A young activist named Cricket shows him a more welcoming part of his home.

O'Hearn, Kate **Valkyrie**

Fourteen-year-old Freya is training to become a Valkyrie. She is tasked with capturing souls on the battlefield and obtains a soldier's soul that coaxes her into the human world.

Oppel, Kenneth **Ghostlight**

Gabe is known for telling scary stories. When one of the ghosts from his stories comes alive, he must do everything in his power to trap her or else his soul will be taken.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz **Esperanza Rising**

Esperanza and her family are migrant workers from Mexico, but they strive for a better life even among demanding conditions.

Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk

Making Bombs for Hitler

Ukrainian Lida, torn from her home and separated from her younger sister, finds purpose in a Nazi labor camp when she's assigned to a factory manufacturing bombs.

Stead, Rebecca **When You Reach Me**

Miranda is a sixth grader who starts getting mysterious letters about things that haven't even occurred yet, from someone who can't possibly know her - could time travel be real?

Stroud, Jonathan **The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne**

Outlaw Scarlett agrees to help Browne find a safe place to hide but being pursued by law enforcement interrupts their plans. Browne has an unknown secret that has a connection to their situation.